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DAY GIFT
GUIDE

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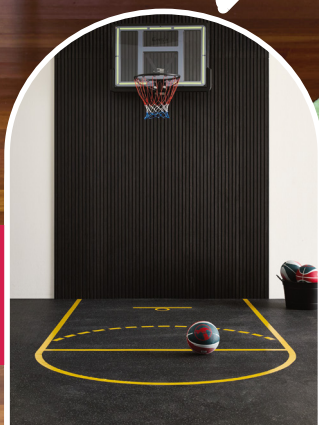
Bonus!
Your Bluey
activity book

Happy place

RECREATE BLUEY & BINGO'S BEDROOM!

HOBBY HAVENS

- +Music room
- +Garage gym
- +Tool zone
- +Ball court



FUN FOR ALL: Bathroom updates + landscaping trends
+ cleaning kit + green renovation + get set for The Block!

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**Amber
2700K**

**Warm White
3000K**

**Neutral White
4000K**

**Daylight
5000K**

**Cool daylight
6500K**

Selectable white for a warm, bright or vibrant glow

5 colour temperatures in one lamp

- Always the right colour and brightness

Smooth dimming

- Dim to create your ambience, shift from functional to inviting

EyeComfort

- High quality of light designed for the comfort of your eyes

Energy Saving

- High efficacy of 100lm/W



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Welcome

Our cover may have given it away... *Bluey* is back at Bunnings and there's loads of Hammerbarn fun in store this month. Meanwhile, in the magazine, find out how to bring *Bluey* and *Bingo*'s bedroom together with a bit of DIY and items from the new Hammerbarn range. We've shared tips for a family pizza party, hidden seven *Bluey* characters in our pages for littlies to find and inserted a kids activity book (see middle of the mag)!

With Father's Day around the corner, there's gift inspo (page 51) and cool family spaces to DIY (from page 10). Gardeners will love the landscaping trends from the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show (page 30). And to cap off a busy month we are kicking off coverage of Nine's renovation show *The Block* (page 27). Bunnings has sponsored this 21st season in country Victoria, and you'll see our insider's edit of great rooms and reno tips over the next few months. Enjoy! ▶

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● 'Hecuba', 'Bride', 'Groom', 'Tony', 'Meditation', 'Jeremy' and 'Gerald' gnomes. Available in-store only, while stocks last. Limit of four gnomes per customer.

COMMUNITY

Walk of life



PetRescue's Best Friends' Walk is a free fitness and fundraising challenge for everyone and their BFF! Set a walking challenge to take on during September and raise funds to help homeless pets find their besties. The walk supports PetRescue, a national animal welfare charity with a vision of a future where every pet is safe, respected and loved. Visit bestfriendswalk.com.au to find out more, register and set a fundraising goal. Did someone say "Walkies!"?

TOOL OF THE MONTH

Timber taskmasters

If your home could do with some bespoke shelving, then this is the power tool bundle for you. The Ozito P4K-400 kit comprises a circular saw, random orbital sander and drill and impact drivers, with battery and compact fast charger included – everything you need to up your timber DIY game!



● Ozito 'PXC' 18V P4K-400 4 piece kit, \$299, I/N: 0738797.

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The fun starts here for Dad this Father's Day...

▲ PGM Golf 3m x 3m x 3m freestanding golf practice hitting cage and net, I/N: 0459281*.

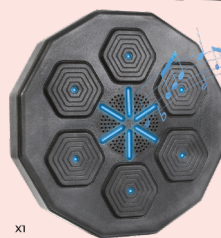


▲ Formula Sports '180 Machine' electronic dartboard, I/N: 0520077*.

▲ Stinger SG-3 'V2' golf push buggy, I/N: 0577662*.



▲ Devanti 46L mini bar fridge with glass door in Black, I/N: 0183057*.



▲ Centra smart punching boxing electronic music machine, I/N: 0518778*.



▲ Jarvis Walker 'Pro Hunter' 4-8kg fishing rod and reel combo, I/N: 0746642*.

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PLANT PARENT

On the money



Kurt loves his pilea's coin-shaped leaves.

What's in the pot: *Pilea peperomioides*.

Plant name: Kurt Junior – it's named after myself.

Plant age: Approximately 12 months old.

Plant parent: Kurt

Climate: At first it lived indoors, but was not thriving. So the decision was made to move it outside under the pergola. It has now doubled in size.

Where did it come from? My Auntie Allie bought it from Bunnings as a housewarming present for me when I moved into my new home.

Essential care: I give it a little drink of water a couple of times a week.

Beauty treatment: Worm 'wee'. I am an avid gardener and grow my own vegies. I also love to compost and have my own worm farm. I use the worm wee it produces to fertilise my plants.

Best feature: Cool-looking leaves that resemble coin shapes. I assume this is where the common name 'money plant' originates from.

Do you have a favourite plant to share with us? Email your tips and images (with 'Plant parent' in the subject line) to submissions@bunnings.com.au

MAKE IT YOURS

Check mate

"This is one of those projects where you have to trust the process, but when you start peeling off the tape to reveal the painted gingham pattern, it's the best feeling!"

JAHARN QUINN/QLD



Jaharn's top tip is to make sure you firmly press down the edges of the masking tape to minimise paint bleeding. Practise on something small like an art canvas or a thrifted vase.



Upcycling enthusiast Jaharn Quinn took a charity-shop bookcase from meh to marvellous, using just masking tape, mini rollers and the power of paint! First, she thoroughly sanded off the yellowing varnish to reveal the raw timber, then applied primer. Once this was dry, she applied vertical and horizontal stripes of 48mm ScotchBlue tape and layers of water-based interior paint in three shades of the same hue: British Paints Water Bead (light), Blue Cashmere (medium) and Ocean Plunge (dark). The result when the tape came off? A gorgeous gingham pattern! Watch her Instagram reel @jaharnquinn to see how she did it, and follow @bunnings for more DIY project inspiration. ▶

August IN THE GARDEN

As winter winds down, plan for warm-weather vegies, give beds a boost and care for your citrus crop.

◆ Turn a pergola or arbour into a magical retreat by draping solar festoon, fairy or string lights over the framework. This simple touch, along with an outdoor heater, can create an enchanting spot that's perfect for evening relaxation.

◆ Get a head start on summer vegies by sowing capsicum, eggplant, chilli and tomato seeds indoors in trays or punnets filled with seed-raising mix. Place them in a warm, brightly lit spot out of direct sunlight and water regularly to keep the mix moist. Once the risk of frost has passed, transplant seedlings into garden beds or pots.

◆ Top up mulch around garden beds to help suppress

weeds and conserve moisture, taking care to keep it away from the base of each plant. Use a naturally derived mulch, such as pea straw, lucerne or pine bark, that breaks down over time to enrich the soil with organic matter.

◆ Citrus trees are big feeders and need plenty of nutrients to produce a healthy crop – especially at this time of year when many are bearing fruit. Give them a feed with a complete citrus fertiliser to help maximise your harvest.



Sow tomato seeds in peat pots for easier transplanting.

After applying fertiliser near edible plants, delay harvesting for a few days and rinse well before cooking and eating. If using products to deal with pests, diseases or weeds, or when handling compost or mulch, read the label, follow instructions and wear gloves, a mask and protective gear. Always store all garden chemicals and products out of reach of children and pets.



Scan the QR code

For more on what to do in the garden during August, go to bunnings.com.au/gardencorner

BRIGHT BULBS

Colour up

Plant these beauties now for a dazzling summer display.



Hippeastrum
(*Hippeastrum* spp. and hybrids)
Tall stems bear large trumpet-like blooms in varying combinations of red, pink, orange, salmon and white. Perfect for adding a splash of colour.

Daylily
(*Heemerocallis* spp.)

Hardy and fuss-free with lily-like flowers that come in a kaleidoscope of colours and bloom in waves throughout summer.



Gladiolus
(*Gladiolus* spp.)

Features elegant spikes lined with ruffled blooms in shades ranging from blush pink and butter yellow to rich burgundy and deep purple. Plant in groups for a lovely effect.



GARDEN TOOL OF THE MONTH

Turning food scraps and garden waste into compost is a breeze with this compact tumbler. Ideal for small spaces, the rotating design ensures fast and efficient composting, while a handy door allows for easy addition of organic waste and effortless removal of the end product – a wonderful, nutrient-rich treat for your plants! ●



● **Saxon 65L single tumbler compost bin**, \$49.95, I/N: 0803785.

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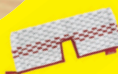


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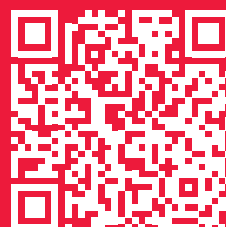
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1X SCRUB



FIND OUT MORE

It feels great to feel at home

1 MUSIC ROOM

MUSIC TO YOUR EARS

Indulge Dad's rocker past with a bespoke music room that the kids can take over too. Consider lining your composer, rock star or DJ's music room with wall and ceiling panelling that has acoustic properties, helping to reduce noise in other areas. The panels used here also help to reduce echo and reverberation in the room, improving sound quality. Adding a durable rug can have a similar effect, plus provide underfoot comfort. Displaying instruments is both decorative and practical – just ensure the hooks you use are suitable for the weight of the instruments and your type of wall surface.

High fidelity

Elevate a cube unit on brackets to create a floating console.

Watch it!



See how easy it is to install these acoustic wall panels: bunnings.com.au/diy-timber-panels

HAPPY PLACES

Transform an underutilised space into a den for Dad or a shared activity zone the whole family can enjoy.

Photography *Jonny Valiant*
Styling *Sami Simper*

Many homes have a 'spare' room that has morphed into the junk room, or a garage that houses everything but a car. However, with some creative planning and off-the-rack materials, these dumping grounds can be repurposed and put to good use. Make Father's Day the catalyst to rethink spaces with quality family time in mind – it might be a shared hobby space, a beautifully organised workshop or a workout zone. Start by sorting then selling or donating those odds and ends, then measure up and get everyone on the tools. It's time to create more room for family fun. ▶

LEFT (On back wall and ceiling) ● Prempanel 2700mm x 600mm x 21mm timber **acoustic panels** in Walnut, \$99 each, I/N: 0455960. (On feature wall) ● Taubmans 'Easycoat All Walls' low sheen **paint** in Spa. ● Rack It **double hooks**, \$8.29 each, I/N: 2760419. ● Flexi Storage 'Clever Cube' 1 x 4 **storage unit** in Oak, \$99, I/N: 0086361, installed using Carinya 125mm x 100mm x 25mm x 6mm heavy duty **angle brackets** in Matte Gold, \$5.68 each, I/N: 0237015.

(On coffee table) ● Calathea 'Medallion' with ceramic deco **pot**. ● Astin Sinclair 'Wavy' 950mm x 500mm x 380mm **coffee table** in Natural, \$99, I/N: 0826100 (available in selected stores only).

▲ ● Priceworth Furniture 'Coogee' 2.5-seater faux leather **sofa** in Brown, I/N: 0344248*.

Cushion, Aura Home, aurahome.com.au. See following pages for other product details. Some advertised services and products are not available at some Bunnings stores, but products can be ordered.

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← Sandy the kelpie

Wall of sound
Hang instruments on heavy-duty hooks to free up floor space.

Moody hues
Taubmans Spa

● Ultimate Flooring 600cm x 120cm multi-purpose rubber mats, \$152 each, I/N: 4490365. (Instruments) ▲ ● Alpha mahogany tenor ukulele, I/N: 0403052*; **acoustic guitars** in Black, I/N: 0390608*, Blue, I/N: 0390607*, and Nature, I/N: 0390610*; and folding **guitar stand**, I/N: 0390622*. **Drums**, for similar, try ▲ ● Karrera children's 4 piece **drum kit** in Silver, I/N: 0396500*.

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KEY PLAYER

A compact electronic keyboard is a practical and portable alternative to a full-size piano. Choose a model that has headphone compatibility for soundless sessions. ▶

ABOVE ▲ ● Alpha electronic **keyboard** with stand, I/N: 0737513*. **Headphones**, for similar try ▲ ● Philips wired on-ear **headphones** with mic in Black, I/N: 0512819*. All other products, stylist's own. Some advertised services and products are not available at some Bunnings stores, but products can be ordered. ▲ This product is available to buy online only and is sold and delivered by a Bunnings Marketplace Trusted Seller. Not all items are available in all states and territories. *Delivery charges may apply.



A cube unit is ideal for storing – and showing off – a collection of vinyl.

2 TOOL WALL

Pinnacle Hardware

Fine lines
Trace around tools with a fluoro marker so you can return them to the right spot.



Make it!

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BRUSH RACK.

- Pinnacle Hardware 900mm x 390mm x 300mm heavy duty **overhead cabinets**, \$156 each, I/N: 0484540, 1800mm x 790mm x 20mm metal **pegboard**, \$104, I/N: 0484534, 1800mm x 910mm x 540mm XL timber top **workbench**, \$448, I/N: 0484537, 1500mm x 820mm x 520mm XL lift top **3 drawer storage unit**, \$864, I/N: 0484543, and 2090mm x 1200mm x 540mm metal **sliding door cabinet**, \$885, I/N: 0484544, all in Matt Black.
(On bench) ● Practa Solutions **paper towel holder** in Chrome, \$5, I/N: 2669887.
● 3M 48mm **duct tape** in Yellow, \$8.98/18.2m, I/N: 8906212. ● ScotchBlue 'Original' 48mm multi-surface painter's **masking tape**, \$13.80/55m, I/N: 1214167.

TOTALLY TOOL-TASTIC

For DIY dads, maker mums and tinkering teens, a well-organised workshop is a dream come true. Invest in a hardwearing storage system with components that seamlessly cater to your needs, creating a bespoke fit-out that looks deluxe! Quality tools which multitask or share the same battery and charger will help set you up for project success. ▶

(On pegboard) ● Pinnacle Hardware heavy duty **pegboard hooks**, double prong, \$20/pack of 6, I/N: 0135515, and single prong, \$18/pack of 20, I/N: 0135521; assorted pegboard **tool holders**, \$20/pack of 10, I/N: 0135525; **wire cutter**, \$14.90, I/N: 0358171; and (in cabinet) 10L metal **bucket**, \$9.99, I/N: 4460518.

● Protector compact **safety goggles**, \$16, I/N: 5810256. ● Craftright 100mm metal **spring clamps**, \$1.98 each, I/N: 5860147; 600mm and 300mm stainless steel **rulers**, \$4.98/pack of 2, I/N: 5660462; 3 piece **plier set**, \$9.98, I/N: 6010441; 5 piece **spanner set**, \$6.98, I/N: 6110225 (four shown); 75mm **G clamp**, \$5.98, I/N: 0563993; 4 piece **adjustable wrench set**, \$29.98, I/N: 6117702; and 16oz (450g) rubber **mallet**, \$7.98, I/N: 5760010.

● Citeco 'Class 5' **ear muffs**, \$19, I/N: 0479799; and (on floor) 1.8-3.2m 150kg aluminium dual purpose industrial **ladder**, \$199, I/N: 0663646.

● Bahco 550mm hardpoint **hand saw**, \$15.95, I/N: 5710249. ● HPM 15m 10A 3 core workshop **extension lead**, \$35.48, I/N: 4330725. ● **DIY magnetic brush rack**, see from page 65 for materials and instructions. ● Pro Renovator 'DIY' wall **paintbrushes**: 88mm, \$14, I/N: 1661755; 75mm, \$12, I/N: 1661754; 63mm, \$9, I/N: 1661753; 50mm, \$7.40, I/N: 1661752; 38mm, \$6.40, I/N: 1661751; and 25mm, \$3.85, I/N: 1661750.

● Ryobi 'ONE+' 18V **drill driver starter kit**, \$99.98, I/N: 0715241 (charger not shown); and cordless **jigsaw**, \$139/skin only (battery and charger sold separately), I/N: 6210486.

● Trojan 16oz (450g) timber **claw hammer**, \$14.98, I/N: 0131354; and general purpose **scissors**, \$9.98/pack of 2, I/N: 0191107. ● Empire 'True Blue' 180mm laser etcher **rafter square**, \$25.98, I/N: 0154654. ● Stanley 'FatMax' 8m **tape measure**, \$29.99, I/N: 5662780. ● Click 'Glow In Dark' **flashlight**, \$9.98/pack of 4, I/N: 0229689 (orange only shown). ● Bear 24mm interior decorator **masking tape**, \$6.07/50m, I/N: 0144251. ● (Tool outlines) Boyle 'Liquid Chalk' **markers**, \$15.97/pack of 5, I/N: 0135324 (available in selected stores only).

(In cabinet) ● Ezy Storage **cleaning caddy**, \$6.99, I/N: 4560056. ● Mr Clean 'Quik & Dry' synthetic car chamois, \$6.99, I/N: 4460222, 'Dirt Buster' **car wash sponge**, \$3.50, I/N: 4460200, and 'Iron' handheld **scrub brush**, \$3.19, I/N: 0218016. ● Mechanix 'Wash & Wax' **car wash**, 2L, \$10.29, I/N: 4470445. ● DeWalt 'Apex' safety **work boots** in Stone, \$210/size 12, I/N: 0377926.

(On floor) ● Ultimate Flooring 600cm x 120cm multi-purpose rubber **mats**, \$152 each, I/N: 4490365. Some advertised services and products are not available at some Bunnings stores, but products can be ordered.



3 HOME GYM

Double duty
Stylish seating
and storage in one
easy flatpack!



WORKOUT WONDER
Garage storage elements such as these pegboards and wall storage products are ideal for coralling weighty gym equipment, while a cushioned seat makes a comfy spot to rest between reps. ▶



Shelf life
These sturdy wall storage baskets hold up to 15kg.

(On wall) ● Pinnacle Hardware 900mm x 450mm metal **pegboards** in Matt Black, \$45 each, I/N: 0038055; small single prong **pegboard hooks**, \$18/pack of 20, I/N: 0135521, and heavy duty **storage trays**, \$12 each, I/N: 0339544, all in Gloss Black. ● StorEase **garage storage system** starter kit, \$99, I/N: 0354358. ▲ ● Degree 'Modern' 35cm quartz **wall clock** in Rose Gold/White, I/N: 0661443*.

(On pegboard) ▲ ● York single **Pilates ring**, I/N: 0581867*, leather **skip rope**, I/N: 0581807*, and **push up bars** pair, I/N: 0581850*. ▲ ● Javson 12oz (340g) **boxing gloves** in Pink/White, I/N: 0424957*, 'Booty' fabric non-slip **resistance bands** pack of 3, I/N: 0407166*, and 'Focus' **sparring pads** in Pink/White, I/N: 0410833*.

(On wall racks) ● Esky 'Burleigh' 700ml hydration **drink bottle** in Navy, \$29, I/N: 0666450 (available while stocks last). ▲ ● York single **yoga block**, I/N: 0581870*, 1kg single **medicine ball**, I/N: 0581792*, 10kg dipped PVC **dumbbell set** of 3 pairs, I/N: 0469087*, and 4kg dipped PVC single **dumbbells**, I/N: 0469106*.

(On floor) ● Flexi Storage 'Clever Cube' 3 x 1 **storage bench** with cushion in Oak and Grey, \$112.63, I/N: 0410544*, and 370mm x 330mm x 330mm **inserts** in Sandy White, \$9.97 each, I/N: 2583443. ● York single **exercise wheel**, I/N: 0581832*, and 2-4kg **kettlebell set** of 3, I/N: 0581774*. ● Ultimate Flooring 600cm x 120cm multi-purpose rubber **mats**, \$152 each, I/N: 4490365. (On bench) ▲ ● Decathlon 'Nyamba' 2kg **dumbbells** in Blue pair, I/N: 0657681*. (In insert) **Resistance tube**, for similar try ▲ ● York single heavy **resistance tube**, I/N: 0581808*.

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MINI BALL COURT



SHOOTING STARS
Rain won't stop play when you have an indoor mini hoop court! We've made a basketball set-up, but this project would work just as well for a netball hoop with stand. Acoustic wall panels behind help dull the sound of the action.

Make it!

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Safe landing
Reduce the risk of
injury with non-slip
rubber flooring.



Keep in mind

- When wall-mounting storage systems, panels and a basketball hoop, follow the manufacturers' instructions and use fixings suitable for your wall type and the weight of the load.
- Slam dunks and dangerous play are not recommended.



THESE PAGES (On wall) ● Prepanel 2700mm x 600mm x 21mm timber **acoustic panels** in Black Oak, \$99 each, I/N: 0455961. ● Esky 'Burleigh' 700ml hydration **drink bottles** in Navy, \$29 each, I/N: 0666450 (available while stocks last). ▲ ● Everfit 45" (114cm) wall mounted kids **basketball hoop** with backboard, I/N: 0737743*. (On backboard) ● Croc Grip 'Glow-In-The-Dark' anti-slip **grit strips**, \$9.98/pack of 9, I/N: 3961685.

(On floor) ● Flexi Storage 'Clever Cube' 3 x 1 **storage bench** with cushion in Oak and Grey, \$112.63, I/N: 0410544*, and 370mm x 330mm x 330mm **inserts** in Sandy White, \$9.97 each, I/N: 2583443. **DIY hoop-shoot mini court**, see from page 65 for materials and instructions. ● Bunnings **basketballs**, \$7 each, I/N: 8510160. ● Ultimate Flooring 600cm x 120cm multi-purpose rubber **mats**, \$152 each, I/N: 4490365.

(On bench and in insert) ▲ ● York leather **skip rope**, I/N: 0581807*. ▲ ● Javson 12oz (340g) **boxing gloves** in Pink/White, I/N: 0424957*.

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Garden retreat

A thoughtful redesign incorporating sustainable ideas and materials has given new life to a century-old house.

Words Kirsten Craze Photography Sue Stubbs Styling Anna Zielinski



The relocated kitchen leads to a spacious alfresco area flanked by productive plants. Marquee 'Everett' wicker chair in Coconut Milk, \$49, I/N: 0577554. Lavender in Vaseria 25cm Italian terracotta pot, \$799, I/N: 2831898 (plant sold separately). Astin Sinclair 'Ear' 180mm x 140mm pot in Brown, \$8.48, I/N: 0580344. Some advertised services and products are not available at some Bunnings stores, but products can be ordered.

TAKE A TOUR...



Meet the family

Karen and her Australian mist cat, Leroy, live in this renovated two-bedroom Federation semi in Sydney's inner west.

WHEN SHE BOUGHT IT

May 2009

WHAT SHE DID

In 2020, the 110-year old floor plan was reconfigured to suit a modern work-from-home lifestyle with better connection to the garden.

GREAT BUYS

Karen found her raised veggie bed and worm farm in the gardening aisles at Bunnings.

(Second from left)
Lavender in Vaseria 25cm Italian terracotta pot, \$7.99, I/N: 2831898.
(Below) **Rosemary** in Northcote Pottery 'Ava' 25cm egg pot, \$27.98, I/N: 0125574, and 23cm saucer, \$14.48, I/N: 0125625, both in White (plants sold separately).



When Karen bought her traditional Sydney semi more than 15 years ago, she fell for its period charm, practical city-fringe location and friendly neighbourhood. While she always knew it had great bones, it became clear the century-old residence wasn't living up to its full 21st century potential.

As both a professional working in environmental education and a bush regeneration volunteer, Karen was eager to "walk the talk" at home. So after a decade living under the old roof, she decided to transform the house into a sophisticated home representing today's more sustainable design principles.

"Moving was never an option," she says. "I knew I just wanted to stay in my home, but I got to thinking 'How can I make it more liveable, more sustainable and more mine?'"

ORIGINAL PLANS

The single-storey semi on just over 200sqm had a classic Federation-era footprint with bedrooms at the front, a lounge and dining room at the centre

and a separate kitchen to the rear. "It was one of those older homes that at some point had an extension, but it wasn't really practical," Karen explains. "Like a lot of old places, the laundry and bathroom were out the back, away from the bedrooms, and there really wasn't any connection to the yard at all. There were very small windows from the kitchen looking out, but it just didn't take advantage of the garden area, which was a shame. The original layout wasn't set up for entertaining."

Due to the neighbourhood and home's heritage status, changes to the facade were restricted, but the council's limitations didn't phase Karen. "The DA wouldn't allow a second storey that could be seen from the front; it needed to remain the same from the street, but I was fine with that," she says. "I restored some of the tessellated tiles to bring the front entrance back to life and, interestingly, my next door neighbour was able to copy the coloured glass and fretwork so the two houses now look like they belong together again."

"I love the the beautiful spotted gum floorboards"

Karen/homeowner



The kitchen features a cohesive mix of new and recycled timber.



Moth orchid in 'Linear' 180mm x 160mm medium ceramic cylinder pot in White, \$10.48, I/N: 0258701 (plant sold separately).

TURNING THE TABLES

Creating a more comfortable and sustainable configuration became top priority for environmentally conscious Karen, who works largely from home. She engaged building designer Tracy Graham of Connected Design, known for revolutionising the way her clients approach sustainable living.

The rooms were reshuffled to suit modern day living, turning the old floor plan around so the house had more functional spaces for work, rest and play, all year round. "The bathroom was moved so it's now between the two bedrooms," Karen explains. "Then we demolished the back of the house that had been the old addition, and started again."

The end result is a contemporary entertainer's floor plan with a new extension that flows seamlessly from the kitchen through to the new deck and lush private garden.

"I now have a choice of spaces to work from at home. Often, I'm out in the back area, which is really light and warm in winter, but also cooler in summer," Karen says. "And when

I entertain, I can open up the back area which now feels so much more spacious. Since finishing the renovation, I've been hosting Christmas with my family which is just so lovely."

While opening up the entertaining zone has evolved the layout, Karen says she was mindful of maintaining designated spaces. "After the renovation, I had a housemate for a while," she says. "What I've loved about the new layout is how easily some areas can be closed off for privacy. And this makes it more economical for heating or cooling."

A NATURAL FIT

Karen and Tracy worked closely, along with her builder, to create the perfect balance of function and design.

"I really believe in sustainability and wanted to make sure I reused as much as possible and had waste disposed of properly," Karen explains. "I sought out materials like low VOC paints and natural oils where possible." She believes being sustainable needn't mean skimping on style or over-paying for the privilege. "Aesthetic is also ►

SUSTAINABLE SENSIBILITIES

Building designer Tracy Graham's process prioritises sustainability and energy efficiency.

Reno ethos The addition is a tribute to the heritage of the home, without trying to replicate a 120-year old house. "In many of these old houses, the original bathrooms had the best aspect and the kitchens didn't connect to outside areas," says Tracy.

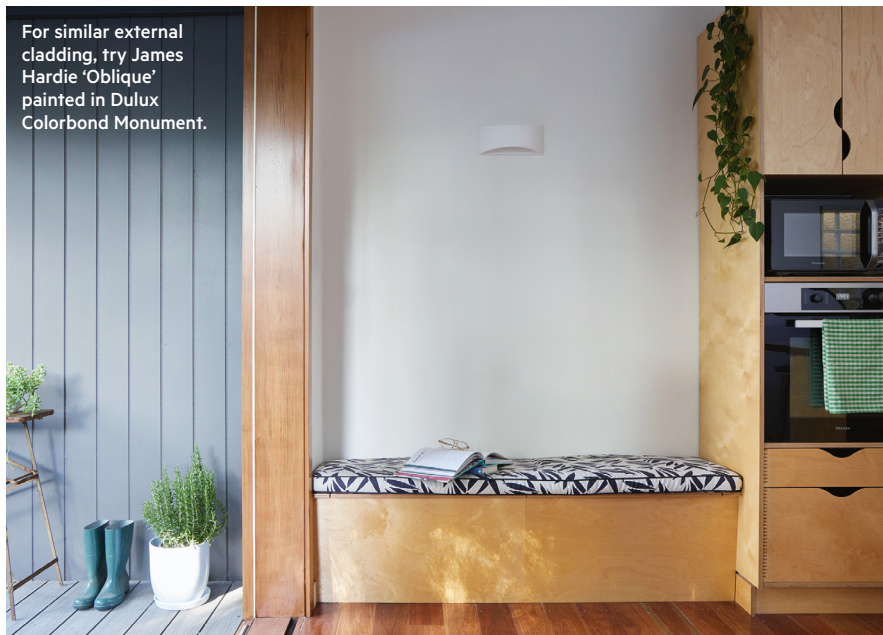
Aspect Karen's rear addition is north-facing to maximise light and warmth in winter. "Our main focus was connection to nature and making the space feel bigger, with a more useful outdoor area."

Insulation "The back of house has timber frames with insulation as opposed to solid brick – I think brick is great in summer but can be quite inefficient in winter."

Flexible spaces Comfortable versatility was a priority for Karen. "In compact houses, every square metre has to be used smartly," says Tracy. The back deck works as an outdoor room, with a louvred roof that opens or closes as needed.



For similar external cladding, try James Hardie 'Oblique' painted in Dulux Colorbond Monument.



FUTURE PROOFING

While some design choices, such as the wide timber floorboards, were to complement the home's history, others look to the future. "In the planning process we designed this extension with floor joists and potential for plumbing for a future first floor addition," explains building designer Tracy Graham. "The area could support an upper level studio with a private entrance, meaning it could become a multigenerational home. The roof sheeting can come off and new walls can simply be added. It's like this extension was just stage one... there's potential to create more space one day."



A GREAT OUTDOORS



FEATURE TREE

A hardy flowering gum gives shade and attracts wildlife.



FOOD FOR PLANTS

The worm farm turns kitchen scraps into liquid fertiliser.



BURST OF JOY

Citrus trees offer colour, fragrance and fresh fruit!



EDIBLE GARDEN

Vegies and herbs are easy to access in raised beds.

very important to me," explains Karen. "For example, using recycled timber instead of manufactured stone for the benchtops was about people's health as well as it being hardwearing. The beautiful marine ply and recycled timber – found at a recycled supply yard – will last a couple of lifetimes." The timber thread runs through to the exterior where Ekodeck from Bunnings – a composite decking made from recycled timber and plastic – grounds the alfresco entertaining area.

"It's a great product that didn't end up being more expensive than traditional timber, but it is far more sustainable and long-lasting," Karen says. She also had solar panels installed to combat rising energy costs. "My electricity bills have been very little – occasionally even zero – and the panels weren't too much of an outlay, because it's a small house."

GREEN WITH ENVY

With the backyard now part of the living space, Karen hired professionals to design and landscape an outdoor oasis. "During the renovation my garden had become a bit trampled, but it gave me the chance to rethink the whole space and plant more natives," she says. Mature mandarin and cumquat trees were retained, along with a thriving lilly pilli she'd previously planted. The landscapers put in plants which would attract birds and bees and provide a buffer from the outside world. "We planted a flowering gum and a variety of low maintenance natives around the decking, many of which flower at different times of the year," she says.

More than just an attractive garden retreat, the compact space is also home to a working worm farm for reducing food waste, as well as a raised garden bed for a veggie patch.●

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AISLE STYLE

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"I wanted warm timbers, durability and a way to almost future-proof the design."



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THE BLOCK

The 21st season features five new homes!
And you can gather ideas along the way.

Words Shelley Tustin

Bunnings Team Members at the purpose-built Mini Store onsite at Daylesford.

The new season of *The Block* is bigger than ever, as the 10 contestants escape to the country to tackle an exciting Block first: building from scratch! The five new pavilion-style homes are positioned at the entry to one of Victoria's most picture-perfect towns, Daylesford. Judges Shayna Blaze, Darren Palmer and Marty Fox will be assessing contestants' ability to

channel the Daylesford aesthetic and appeal to buyers looking for a taste of country living, within commuting distance of the Big Smoke.

Each of the houses covers 346sqm, with identical layouts (though the facades feature differences in cladding and roof designs), plus a massive 2000sqm of outdoor space to fill, giving this season an emphasis on landscaping and outdoor living. ▶

"We are the home of DIY, and *The Block* is one of the most exciting home and lifestyle shows around. It's a match made in heaven."

*Justine Mills/General Manager
Marketing, Bunnings*

BUNNINGS BUILT

This year, *The Block* joins forces with Bunnings Warehouse in a true marriage of Aussie DIY icons. In another first, we see a purpose-built sponsor village onsite in Daylesford. This Mini Store brings the Bunnings aisles and team members' expertise conveniently close to our busily building contestants.

MEET THE CONTESTANTS

Working with new builds is a game changer for *The Block* contestants, with the identical layouts and blank canvas of a fresh build putting a new level of emphasis on interior design decisions, from finishes to styling.

In addition, there is a major rule change this season outlawing all-nighters, which means great organisational skills are going to be more important than ever.



Britt & Taz

Police officers Britt and Taz live in the mining town of Newman in WA and, while this is their first time tackling a full house, the couple have succeeded with many smaller projects, including landscaping. Budding photographer Britt has a creative eye to turn to the interior styling. Taz, a proud Tharawal/Dharawal man, wants to inspire Indigenous kids around Australia. **Favourite Bunnings aisle?** Taz: "I'm all about grass, so the fertilisers."



Emma & Ben

Ben is an engineer and aspiring firefighter (his new career starts after the show) and wife Em is a dance teacher – but they're also among the most experienced contenders. The Victorian couple bought their first home at 24 and have been flipping houses ever since, racking up two renovations plus a new build so far. **Favourite Bunnings aisle?** Ben: "Definitely tools. If I had loads of money I'd spend lots of time there!"



Han & Can

Geologist Hannah (Han) and social media and marketing analyst Candice (Can) met in their hometown of Perth in 2024, and bonded over their mutual love of *The Block!* The couple are currently renovating their home. Handy Han has past DIY experience helping her dad renovate houses, while creative Can will drive the design. **Favourite Bunnings aisle?** Can: "The nursery because I'm obsessed with plants."



Robby & Mat

Robby, a barber, and hairdresser Mat are light on DIY experience, but project management skills can be more important than familiarity with a dropsaw for Block success. And with multiple businesses between them, these Adelaide mates know how to get things done. Robby will focus on managing the trades, while Mat turns his stylist eye from hair to homewares. **Favourite Bunnings aisle?** Mat: "The irrigation section. I love a sprinkler!"



Sonny & Alicia

Dental practice manager Alicia is a mother of three and designated 'Mum on The Block'. Her partner in renovating and life is plumber Sonny, who will bring his practical skills and business nous to the project. Having built a new home and renovated a granny flat, the Gold Coast couple's proven ability to work together might give them an edge. **Favourite Bunnings aisle?** Sonny: "The plumbing aisle, for all the bits and pieces I need." ●



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Paul Pritchard's 'Nostalgia' garden honoured family members lost to dementia.

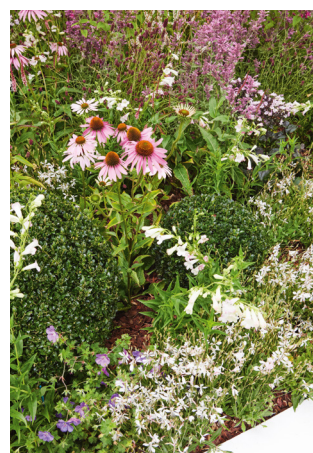
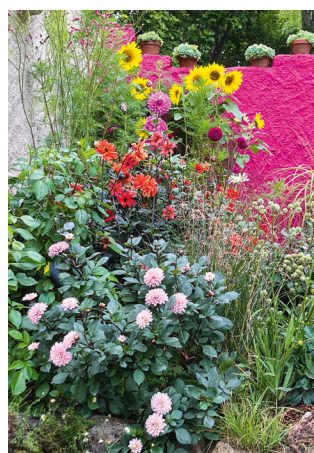
STEP THIS WAY

Latch onto the latest ideas for a brighter backyard, then head to the garden centre and plan your dream scene!

Words *Lisa Green* Photography *Sue Stubbs*

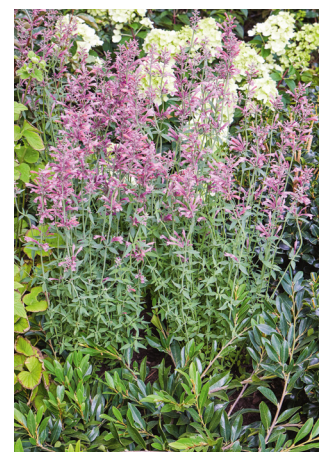
Dancing flowers, textural groundcovers and a compelling array of native plants were among the many highlights at the recent Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show. More than 100,000 visitors strolled through the exhibition gardens, soaking up sunshine and inspiration from leading designers.

Each carefully curated plant selection told a different story, with health, escape and wellness recurring themes. Natural pools and saunas, fire pits, pavilions and balcony settings sat amid intricately layered plant-scapes. The message was slow down, reset and re-engage with nature. Your life may depend on it. Happy to oblige!



ECLECTIC DREAM

With an emphasis on profusion, colour and form, the 'Nostalgia' beds were filled with interesting layers. From a showcase of Mexican plants available in Australia (left) to romantic drifts of white butterfly bush (centre and right), and evergreen perennials like penstemon and Persicaria plus spiky torch lily (or red hot poker, right), there was interest at every level.



ODE TO JOY

Along with a lilly pilly hedge as a border (left), Brent Reid of Candeco Design filled his 'ODE' garden with favourites including hydrangeas and Heatwave Glow (a salvia, right), dwarf feather grass and the much enquired-about plum-coloured Greater Burnet (left). "All the other trends come and go. Plants can outlive all the trends." ▶

AN AUSTRALIAN STORY

Hardy, low-water and hailing from all over the country, Australian native plants are enjoying a resurgence, with MIFGS fans swooning over eye-catching cultivars like golden yellow Birthday Candles and the delicate purple plumes of mulla mulla (Ptilotus) from Western Australia (see page 35). Statuesque favourites like silvery eucalypts, grass tree and banksia were dominant forms, grasses held the mid-ground and kangaroo paw and native daisies provided bright spots aplenty.



'Between Moments' by Ben Hutchinson Landscapes.



One of many intriguing native plants, Tasmania's riceflower or Bushman's Bootlaces.



'Between Moments' by Ben Hutchinson Landscapes.



Sawn boulders, weathered steel and crushed rock paths complement a rich native plant palette.

"'Re-Set' is a reminder of how an ordinary backyard can become a thriving, biodiverse haven."

Jocelyn Bennett/Earthcore Landscapes

THE GRASSES

Tall and blonde, Chinese silver or maiden grass, dwarf feather grass, common tussock grass and kangaroo grass brought movement, bulk and personality to many displays, filling spaces and mixing easily with both florals and native species. Long-haired plume grass made an appearance, with golden, nodding heads catching the eye whenever the breeze blew.

Elsewhere, all manner of grasses were clumped and placed to deliver height and colour variation.

Lower and denser, verdant carex, sedge and mat rush provided lushness at mid height. Meanwhile, at ground level, it was all about tufting plants. Velvety no-mow grass (Zoysia), kidneyweed and a winsome Australian native, lime-coloured cushion bush, all spread in undulating fashion to provide buoyant verge coverage and create a living carpet in almost lurid shades of green. ▶

MODERN MASTERPIECE

In this gold-medal winning garden design, 'Ā'skāp' by Rob Cooper of Distinctive Gardens, grasses played a major role in softening the sleek structural elements. Sedge (Carex) and a grape vine were planted to rise up through a steel grill staircase and platforms. Mat rush and kangaroo grass fringed a water feature, providing textural fill and movement across the whole expanse.



'States of Green'
by Emily Rubia and
Zoe-Beth Rush.



'Re-Set' by
Jocelyn Bennett.

LEFT Recycled timber batten fencing forms a rustic backdrop for lush planting. ABOVE Wood blocks sway in a moving screen. BELOW A timber feature frames a coral-pink crepe myrtle at rear, while a pretty maidenhair (or Gingko) tree mingles with strawflower (or everlasting flower) out front.

EARTH ELEMENTS

Rustic materials are in favour, with hardwood, bricks, crushed rock and boulders used in most of the MIFGS gardens. The patina of rust-hued steel was a favourite, defining the edges of beds and planters and popping up in screens, sculptures and fire pits.

With crushed stone paths underfoot and rock slabs forming steps, timber was used as a decorative element, to construct interesting backgrounds, screen spaces and give depth. In Jocelyn Bennett's 'Re-Set' garden, timber blocks swung from a wire grid "drawing focus to the present moment". Emily Rubia and Zoe-Beth Rush repurposed batten fencing as a rich background for their verdant tropical garden, 'States of Green'. And offcuts were elevated in a stacked feature at the rear of Tanya Kathleen's display, 'Live in Joy', adding to the riot of colour in her plant palette.

'Live in Joy' by
Tanya Kathleen.





Greater Burnet
Sanguisorba 'Plum Drops'



Common everlasting
Chrysocephalum apiculatum



Pink mulla mulla
Ptilotus exaltatus 'Joey'



Banksia 'Birthday Candles'
Banksia spinulosa 'Birthday Candles'

GOLDEN MOMENTS

Designers inserted cheery pink and gold highlights in the form of many old-fashioned florals. In the pink, strawflowers – aka paper daisies – were a popular inclusion (also in bright yellows) alongside showy snap dragons, dahlias, coneflowers, crimson bottlebrush and a sweet WA native, pink mulla mulla. Profusive golden cobs of 'Birthday Candles' banksia were a standout as a vigorous groundcover, and pretty yellow native, common everlasting, paired well with silver foliage. ▶



Coneflower
Echinacea purpurea 'Salmon Sunseekers'



Garden dahlia
Dahlia pinnata



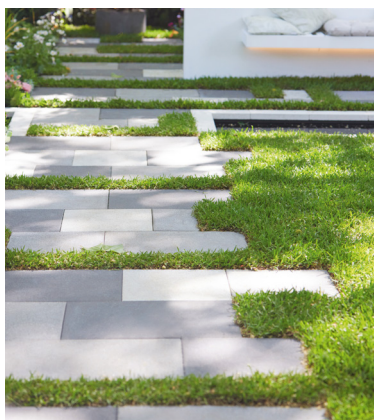
Strawflower
Xerochrysum bracteatum



Crimson bottlebrush
Callistemon citrinus

THE SPLICE IS RIGHT

Hardscaping gets the soft touch in a gentler approach to paths.



SHADES OF GREY

Jason Hodges mixed turf with Adbri Pavers in three shades to merge soft and hard landscaping.



A FINE LINE

A sliver of kidneyweed fills a gap between the deck and a brick path in Matt York's 'In Ratio with Africa'.



COME OFF THE GRASS

Paul Pritchard put a new spin on the driveway with a textured approach.



Used in combination with Australian natives and Corten edges, the 'unfinished' paving in Kaz Krasovskis' 'Break Up' garden celebrates the beauty of imperfection.



'A Higher Ground' by
Chin Liew Studio.

DYNAMIC EDGES

For paths that don't follow the straight and narrow, take your lead from the show garden designers who used groundcovers to blur edges, and inserted turf and other planting to disrupt paving materials.

Irregular paving featured in multiple gardens, demonstrating how safe passage and an interesting journey through the garden can be achieved. The pattern can be visually dynamic, with pavers and plants spliced to create a graphic pattern (see Paul Pritchard's driveway, opposite). Other treatments are softer and loose, with groundcovers bubbling up randomly between pavers (above). Simply leaving one path edge uneven (left) is another strategy, providing an opportunity to fill the gaps with plants.

From an environmental viewpoint, irregular paths have real benefits. The planted insertions help to slow run-off when it rains and allow water to permeate an otherwise hard expanse, and reach the ground.

SMALL SPACE GAINS

Balcony gardens and courtyards can play the same game, albeit on a smaller scale. In the Chin Liew Studio balcony garden (above), fleshy-leaved plants and bright flowers disrupted pavers while others tumbled from tall pots. It was a rebellious approach to a confined urban space, bringing fun to a hard-working functional zone. ●



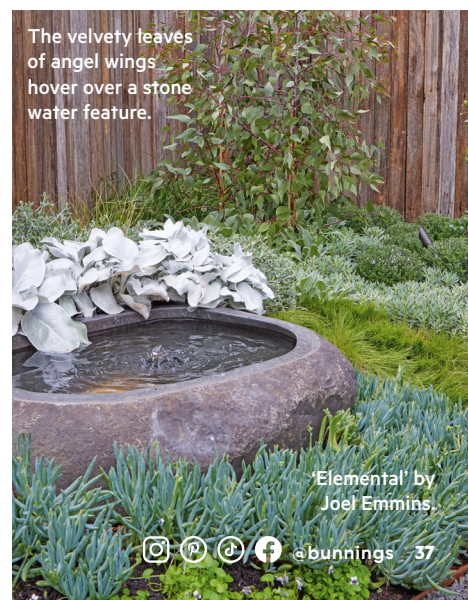
'Doable' by
Jason Hodges

INKY DEPTHS

The darker the water, the better the reflections. Dark linings for still ponds bring visual depth, even if the water is shallow. "Water, lights and sculptures elevate a garden," says Jason Hodges, who strung the pergola structure in his 'Doable' garden with fairy lights from Bunnings. The pond is edged with Adabri capping and perimeter planting includes 'soft and hardy' perennials, as well as balled buxus.

In his 'Elemental Garden', Joel Emmins included a hand-carved stone water feature, surrounding it with light and airy plants including dwarf chalk sticks (foreground), no-mow grass (Zoysia) and silver swan euphorbia, with silver princess eucalyptus at the rear.

The velvety leaves of angel wings hover over a stone water feature.



'Elemental' by
Joel Emmins.



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Birds and insects
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rich blooms.



Golden wattle
Its fragrant flower
'puffs' signal the
end of winter.

Living icons

Bring beauty to the garden with some of Australia's best-loved floral emblems.

WARATAH (*Telopea speciosissima*)

This striking native has vibrant crimson flowers that burst forth like fireworks in spring. Best suited to warm and cool temperate zones, it needs good drainage and dappled light or part shade. It can grow to 2-4m, so makes a fabulous focal point in a native planting scheme or as a standout feature in its own right. Feed with a native fertiliser in spring and summer.

GOLDEN WATTLE (*Acacia pycnantha*)

From late winter to early spring, this evergreen tree is like a beacon in the landscape with its display of fragrant golden-yellow flowers. It's a vigorous grower, quickly reaching 6-8m, but has a relatively short lifespan of up to 10 years. It is suited to a range of soils, as long as they don't get waterlogged, and likes sun or light shade.

RED AND GREEN KANGAROO PAW

(*Anigozanthos manglesii*)

The vivid green and red velvety flowers of this strappy-leaved perennial emerge from late winter, with flower stems growing up to 1m. Kangaroo paw is best grown in full sun in areas with low humidity, as moist conditions can reduce its lifespan. Feed with a native fertiliser in late winter to boost flowering and growth.

COMMON HEATH (*Epacris impressa*)

The pink, red or white tubular flowers of this wiry-stemmed shrub appear from autumn to spring, adding cool-season colour. It prefers cool and temperate climates, planted in free-draining, slightly acidic soil in full sun to part shade. It grows up to 3m tall. Regular pruning after flowering helps maintain a compact shape and encourages repeat blooming. ●



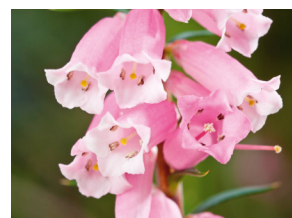
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Emblem of NSW, prized for
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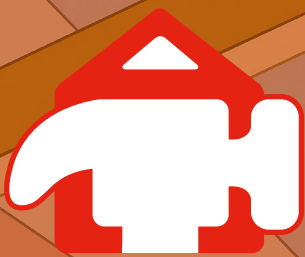
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Red and green kangaroo paw
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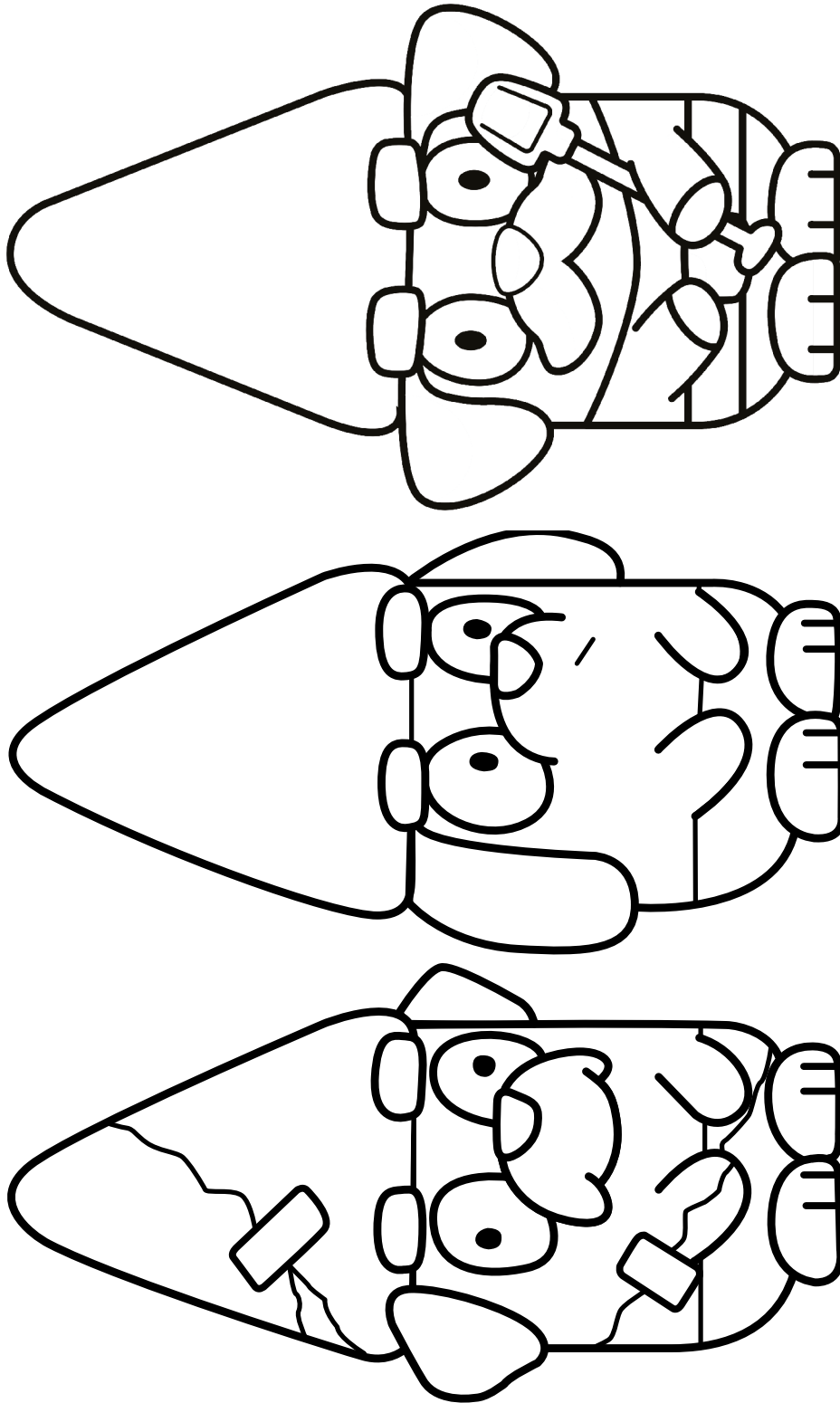
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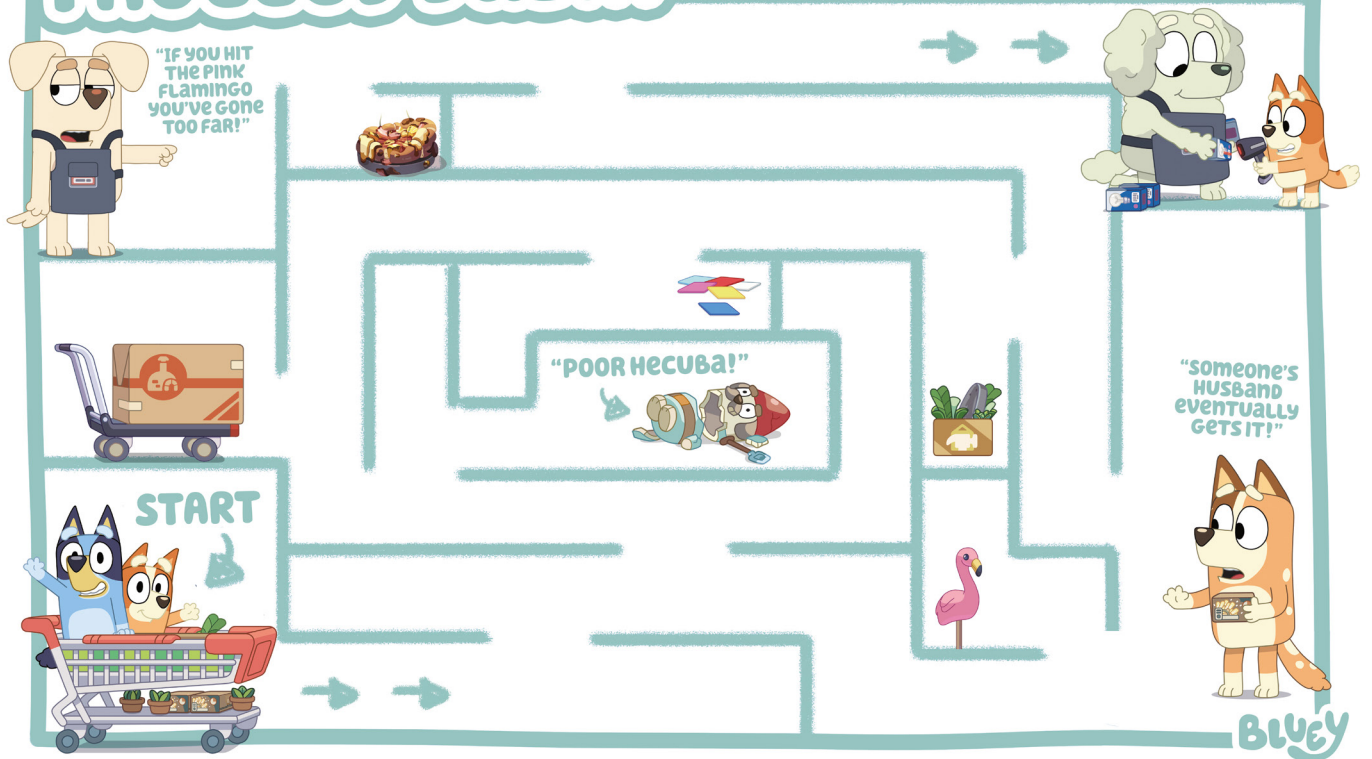
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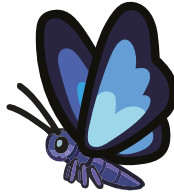
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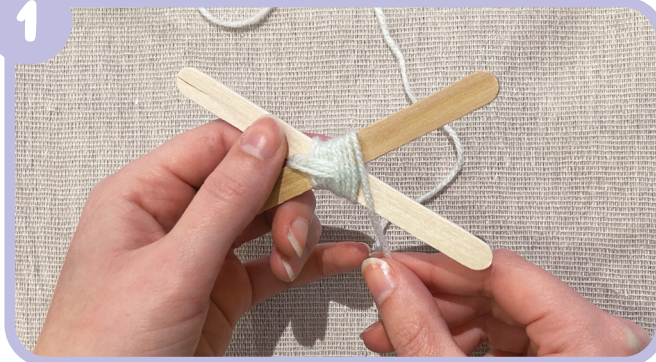
WEAVE YOUR OWN FLAPPY

YOU WILL NEED:

- ☐ 2 popsicle sticks
- ☐ 3 lengths of yarn in colours you like
- ☐ 1 pipe cleaner
- ☐ 2 large beads
- ☐ 5 small beads
- ☐ Paints



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Overlap your sticks to make an 'X' shape and use your first yarn colour to weave around the middle to keep them in place. Then, wind the yarn from side to side and top to bottom a few times. When you're ready, tie the first colour of yarn to the end of your second colour of yarn.

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Next, weave over and under the sticks to make the first wing. Then, tie your third length of yarn to the end of your second colour and continue weaving until you get to the end of your wing. Tie off the end by threading the yarn through a piece you have already woven and knot it. Tuck the tail into the wing before repeating on the other side.

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Fold your pipe cleaner around the centre of the 'X' shape, leaving the long two ends of the pipe cleaner at the top and a little room at the bottom. Next, start twisting the pipe cleaner on both sides to keep it in place. Finally, thread 1 large bead onto the top and 1 onto the bottom. This will form the body, head and base of your Flappy.

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Now, curl up the antenna and put two beads on each end. If you can't find beads in your favourite colours, you can paint them. Add one more bead to the tail and you're done!

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Hey, kiddos!

Follow our lead to recreate your favourite settings from Australia's most-loved TV show... with a little bit of help from Bunnings.

Photography Jonny Valiant
Styling Samantha Pointon

Here's a treat for *Bluey* fans young and old, to celebrate the arrival of some fun *Bluey*-inspired decor items at Bunnings. With inspiration from Bluey's house, you can make your own version of Bluey and Bingo's bedroom. Or recreate Dad's pizza party. The whole family can get involved with kid-friendly crafts, including making the stained glass window, and even weaving a Flappy. Enjoy! ▶

DIY Long Dog!
Learn how to make this at an in-store kids' workshop.



Fruity fun
Add colour and comfort with a watermelon rug.

Starry skies
Create a dreamy effect with glow-in-the-dark stickers.

BRING BLUEY & BINGO'S BEDROOM TO LIFE

- Bluey light up paper **lanterns**, \$25, I/N: 0834132, glow in the dark **wall stickers**, \$15, I/N: 0834131, and 'Watermelon' 120cm polyester kids **rug**, \$39, I/N: 0844793. Bluey products are available in-store only for a limited time, so get in while stocks last!
- Easycraft 'easyVJ100' 2400mm x 1200mm x 9mm primed general purpose MDF **wall lining**, \$90, I/N: 0330364, painted in Taubmans 'Endure' low sheen interior wall **paint** in Jaguar Rose, Lauren's Lullaby and Ballerina. • **Floating shelves**, for similar, try Flexi Storage Decorative Shelving **floating shelves** in Oak: 1200mm x 240mm x 38mm, \$39 each, I/N: 2583901, and 600mm x 240mm x 38mm, \$24.19, I/N: 2583899.
- (On shelf) • Magic Living 'Cloud' silicone **night-light**, \$29.98, I/N: 0341839. • 'Long Dog' **ornament**, book into a Bunnings kids' workshop to make your own.
- 'Flappy' **butterfly**, see our *Hammerbarn* pull-out mini mag for how to make it.
- **Philodendron** in Northcote Pottery 'Unicorn' 11cm **pot** in White, \$13.98, I/N: 0263129 (plant sold separately).

All other products, stylist's own. Some advertised services and products are not available at some Bunnings stores, but products can be ordered.

Read it!



Find out how to give your kids' room a *Bluey* makeover: bunnings.com.au/create-bluey-bedroom

PAINT PALETTE

Taubmans
Jaguar Rose

Taubmans
Lauren's Lullaby

Taubmans
Ballerina

PLAYTIME TIPS

Take styling cues from Bluey and Bingo's fun-filled room in the Heelers' heritage Queenslanders. See Read it! below to find out how we replicated the round window using lightweight flute board and coloured cellophane.



In the pink
Paint a VJ-panel headboard with candy-coloured stripes.

IN-STORE ACTION

Bunnings is hosting a series of Bluey-themed kids' DIY workshops – for real life! Bookings are essential, so visit bunnings.com.au/diy-workshops or contact your local store for details.

Read it!



Find out how to create our stained glass-look window: bunnings.com.au/make-bluey-window

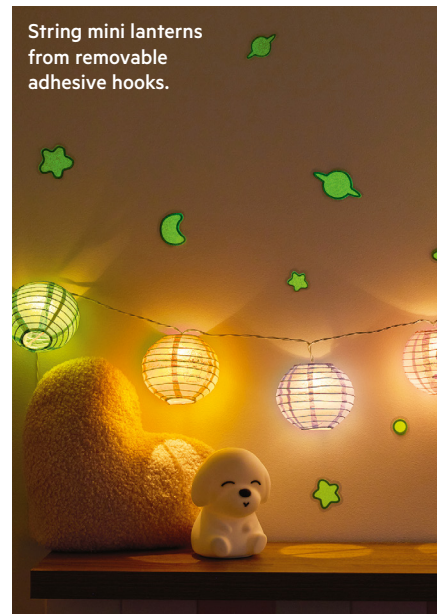


Make it!

SEE OUR
HAMMERBARN MINI
MAG FROM PAGE 38
TO CRAFT
A FLAPPY.



String mini lanterns from removable adhesive hooks.



Join an in-store workshop to make a bespoke door sign.





ALL FIRED UP

Are you ready for the best pizza you've ever tasted? Gather the family for memorable outdoor dining. See page 44 for product details. ▶



IT'S A PIZZA PARTY!
With a brand-new pizza oven from Bunnings, you're ready to cook up a feast. Invite friends and neighbours over for an amazing alfresco dinner. ●

SPACE SAVERS



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Compact cooking
Wallet-friendly option
for smaller yards.

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● 1 Marquee 3 piece wicker **bistro set** in Black, \$68, I/N: 3191786. ● 2 Jumbuck 'Torino' woodfire **pizza oven**, \$199, I/N: 3180885. ● 3 Esky 'Chilla' 10L hard **cooler**, \$25, I/N: 3240442.

RIGHT ● Matador woodfired **pizza oven**, \$659, I/N: 0177380, and foldable **pizza spatula**, \$38.45, I/N: 3171772. ● Basil in Northcote Pottery 'Italian' 12cm terracotta **pot**, \$190, I/N: 2833746. ● Hot Shots **pizza wood**, \$18.90/15kg, I/N: 3171627. ● Mimosa 'Cordoba' 2200mm x 900mm aluminium **dining table** in Charcoal, \$499, I/N: 0583682, and **benches**, \$279 each, I/N: 0583714. ● Lytworx indoor/outdoor low voltage connectable **festoon party lights** in Warm White, \$119/30 lights, I/N: 0376368.

(On ground) ● Basil, coriander and parsley in Eden 'Whiskey Barrel' 38cm x 23cm resin **planter**, \$14.90, I/N: 0359020. ● Esky 'Chilla' 33L plain hard **cooler**, \$57.95, I/N: 0138508. All plants sold separately. All other products, stylist's own. Some advertised services and products are not available at some Bunnings stores, but products can be ordered.



Flavour pot

Book an in-store herb-planting workshop to add pizzazz to your pizzas.



Make it sparkle
Place festoon lights in the
hedge for a twinkling effect
as the sun goes down.

Position your pizza oven away from combustible
structures. Only burn dry, sustainably forested timber and
always check manufacturer's safety and set-up advice.

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No more hammering sticks into the ground or trying to get them out again! No screws or nails, just twist & turn to connect or disconnect.

Fits garden beds between W = 800–1500mm, L = 1100–2200mm, H = 700–900mm.

Simple & long lasting, these frames let in lots of air and light allowing for healthy growth & access to plants.





When buying plants, read their labels for safety information.

GARDENER'S COMPANION

Your lovely backyard might be a haven for you but is it safe for your pets? A few simple steps will ensure a space the whole family can enjoy.

Plant selection is important. Native bushes and trees are generally safe for dogs, plus flowering species attract beneficial insects and birds which can help keep pests down (and minimise your use of pesticides).

Avoid plants toxic to pets including lilies, Brunfelsia, cyclamen, oleander, spring-flowering bulbs (daffodils and hyacinths) and sago palm. Beware of plants with thorns, particularly where your dog loves to run.

Your indoor cat can also enjoy the outdoors if you build an enclosure that keeps them, and wildlife, safe. Catnip, catmint and valerian can be planted as treats for cats.

Keep dogs and cats inside when you're using any motorised tools, and ensure all tools and chemicals are stored safely out of reach.

Hairy problems

Some of the hair a cat swallows when grooming may clump in the stomach and be regurgitated later. A healthy cat shouldn't produce more than a couple of hairballs a year, say Melbourne Cat Vets; more might indicate your cat is overgrooming due to itchy skin, or has a gut issue. Coughing is a sign of airway irritation (such as bronchitis) and does not bring up hairballs. To help reduce your cat's hairballs, try these tips from Melbourne Cat Vets.

- Brush your cat regularly to remove loose fur before it can be ingested.
- Consider feeding cat food with 'hairball control', which can improve skin and coat health and increase fibre to help the hair pass through.
- Ensure your cat is well hydrated.

Cats with longer hair are more prone to hairballs.



FIX THE FUR



- **1** Pet Zone 2.6L pet water fountain, \$22, I/N: 0439090.
- **2** Flamingo medium cat handle slicker brush, \$11, I/N: 0438930.
- **3** Paws & Claws 14cm metal grooming pet brush, I/N: 0393591*. Some advertised services and products are not available at some Bunnings stores, but products can be ordered.

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Pet of the month
BENNY
BUDGIE



TWEET TALKER

This cutie loves his snacks and doesn't mind a chat!

- 1 I am...** one year and eight months old.
- 2 I live in...** Bonnyrigg, NSW.
- 3 Others would describe me as...** smart, cheeky and chirpy.
- 4 My perfect day involves...** playing on my swing, flying around and talking to budgerigar mates and human friends.
- 5 I get a bit grumpy when...** I need to go back in my cage.
- 6 I find it difficult to...** resist snacks.
- 7 I have a habit of...** whistling! Often!
- 8 I love to eat...** fruity treats like grapes and oranges (sometimes I try to steal snacks from my human friends).
- 9 I show love by...** giving kisses. ▶

Would you like to see your animal pal in our pages? Email your pet's photo, name and breed (with 'Pet of the Month' in the subject line) to submissions@bunnings.com.au. Good luck!

ITCHY BUSINESS

Allergies in dogs are a thing in spring and fleas aren't the only culprit.

There's plenty to love about the warmer months, but it's a testing time for sneezy people. Allergies, and their associated skin and ear infections, are one of the top reasons dogs see the vet. If you suspect yours has an allergy, early intervention is key, says Dr Dani Hoolahan from Veterinary Dermatology Clinic (vetdermclinic.com.au). "Keep a diary of symptoms, including photos of any lesions," she suggests. "This can help identify any triggers – for example do your dog's feet become red and itchy after going for a walk? Are symptoms worse in a particular season?"

There are three common allergy types. The same symptoms can occur across all of them, and it's possible for your dog to have more than one.

BEWARE CREEPY CRAWLIES

Fleas can make any dog itchy, but flea allergy dermatitis is another level of irritation. If your dog becomes allergic to the saliva of fleas, they'll have an intense itch – even after just one bite – particularly across the lower back and tail base, which can cause hair

loss and infection from scratching and biting. "Just because you don't see a live flea on your pet, does not mean they aren't suffering from this type of allergy," says Dr Hoolahan. "It only takes one flea bite on an allergic pet to unleash two weeks' worth of incessant itch. Adult fleas are very fast moving, making them hard to spot."

Your vet may be able to suggest treatment, but the best action you can take at home is prevention. Keep on top of flea and tick treatments and continue them all year, as flea eggs can take several months to hatch.

BE A FOOD CRITIC

Like humans, dogs can react to certain foods, including grains and dairy, but the most common food allergies in dogs are to protein sources. Food reactions might present with itching and redness, but the only way to test is through a strict, vet-supervised elimination diet trial followed by gradual reintroduction of types of food.

Once a list of 'allergenic' and 'non-allergenic' foods has been compiled, a suitable long-term diet

SKIN DEEP

- **1** Trusty 'Premium' 3 in 1 dog health supplement, \$24.50/150g, I/N: 0577731.
- **2** Purina 'Total Care' large dogs flea & tick control plus, \$23, I/N: 0397154.
- **3** Purina 'Total Care' medicated dog shampoo, \$13.40/350ml, I/N: 0397052.

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can be selected, says Dr Hoolahan. "There are many commercially available single-protein or limited-ingredient diets available that are nutritionally balanced and suitable for food-allergic dogs," she says. Consult your vet about your dog's needs.

STOP THE SEASONAL SCRATCHING

Environmental allergies cause atopic dermatitis in your poor pup, and this most common dog allergy is often the most difficult to manage. "A thorough investigation to rule out other causes of the itch (including the other types of allergies) is required before it can be diagnosed," explains Dr Hoolahan. "This type of allergy is caused by pollens, moulds, danders and dust mites – all the things that cause your hay fever symptoms!"

Treatment can involve a range of methods. Medications to control the itching, identification and treatment of secondary infections, diet/supplements or topical treatments to improve the skin barrier, and allergen-specific desensitisation are all options.

SOAP STARS

Lather up your mucky pups and make sure they're best in show.



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MANY DOGS LOVE TO BE BRUSHED – IT IS GREAT BONDING TIME!



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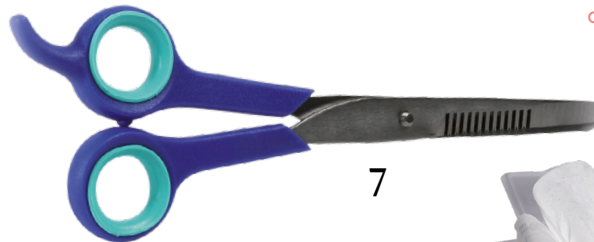
Lighten up!
Removes
dead hair
and tangles.



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- 1 Happy Tails electronic pet clippers, \$34.98, I/N: 0439280. ● 2 Happy Tails pet grooming mitt, \$4.48, I/N: 0439274. ● 3 Happy Tails self cleaning pet brush, \$10.98, I/N: 0439256. ● 4 Happy Tails pet shampoo, \$7.33/1L, I/N: 0439616. ● 5 ▲ Pakeway 'T9' deshedding pet grooming comb in Pink, I/N: 0524846*.
- 6 Happy Tails pet wipes, \$4.48/pack of 100, I/N: 0439295. ● 7 Purina 'Total Care' grooming scissors, \$17, I/N: 0397098. ● 8 Happy Tails soft grip double sided pet comb, \$6.98, I/N: 0439289. ● 9 Happy Tails pet brush, \$2.98, I/N: 0439607. ● 10 Bugalugs oatmeal and aloe dog shampoo, \$16.95/500ml, I/N: 0438879.
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Father's Day is sorted! Choose from this bumper crop of practical and thoughtful presents to suit every budget.

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Snip snip!
Double the fun
for gardeners.

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Pack a picnic
Enjoy the great
outdoors with Dad.

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- 1 Marquee 1.5L insulated drink bottle in White, \$18, I/N: 0371702.
- 2 Matador barbecue apron, \$17.18/ large, I/N: 3171332.
- 3 Jumbuck 2 piece tool set, \$15, I/N: 0281493.
- 4 'Honey Pot' citronella candle in Blue, \$5, I/N: 0289143.
- 5 Saxon 2 piece pruning set, \$9.98, I/N: 0280251.
- 6 Peperomia plant in Borralheira 130mm x 120mm two tone indoor ceramic pot in Light Blue, \$12.98, I/N: 0588221 (plant sold separately).
- 7 Stanley 'Control Lock' 10m tape measure, \$24.98, I/N: 0400604.
- 8 Coleman 200cm x 150cm XL tartan outdoor picnic rug, \$24.98, I/N: 0327192.
- 9 Ryobi 355mm medium hard base tool bag, \$29.98, I/N: 0352362.
- 10 Cyclone 'Hydrogrip' garden gloves, \$13.50/medium, I/N: 0270603.

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Can't decide?
Give a Bunnings
gift card!



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In the bag
Perfect for a day
on the tools!

- 11 Kincrome 2 piece folding utility knife set, \$34.95, I/N: 5760121.
 - 12 Esky 30 can hybrid soft cooler, \$39.90, I/N: 0458126.
 - 13 Marquee Everett chair in Black, \$49, I/N: 0577552.
 - 14 Stanley 20 piece acetate screwdriver set, \$49.98, I/N: 6061822.
 - 15 Kincrome merch pack, \$49.95, I/N: 0631595.
 - 16 Ryobi 4V USB lithium compact LED light kit, \$49, I/N: 0431991.
 - 17 Dans Plants 170mm assorted indoor foliage in decorative pot, \$39.99, I/N: 0684965.
 - 19 Ozito 25m laser distance measurer, \$44.98, I/N: 5660758.
 - 20 Ryobi 4V USB lithium LED flip light kit, \$49, I/N: 0431992.
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Safety first
Peace of mind for
a gadget fan.



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Sound advice
Press-to-listen
functionality.



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• 21 Jumbuck 3 in 1 barrel charcoal **smoker**, \$77.70, I/N: 0087528. • 22 Mirabella 'Genio' 1.2m 750lm 9W RGBW IP44 flex and plug smart Wi-Fi dimmable **downlights**, \$51.95/pack of 2, I/N: 0205830. • 23 OZtrail folding **camp chair**, \$99, I/N: 0661478. • 24 Gerni 3300 1810PSI 1500W **high pressure washer**, \$149, I/N: 0235514. • 25 Marquee 'Cape Cod' timber **chair** in Bright White, \$110, I/N: 0581535 (not available in WA). • 26 Citeco Bluetooth **ear muffs**, \$79, I/N: 0472269. • 27 Gorilla Carts 180L folding sports **wagon**, \$129, I/N: 0360266. • 28 Ring 'Venetian' battery video **doorbell** in Bronze, \$146.99, I/N: 0667828. • 29 Bata 'Bobcat' zip safety **boots** in Wheat, \$69/size 10, I/N: 0233524. • 30 Aurus '450' low smoke **fire pit** with cover, \$149, I/N: 0514780. Some advertised services and products are not available at some Bunnings stores, but products may be ordered. ▶



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Feet up!
Let Dad
have a rest.



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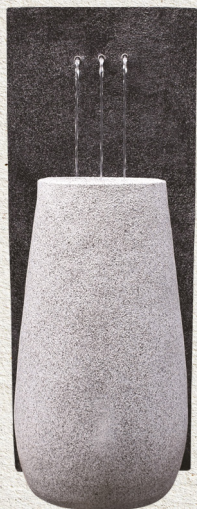
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● **31** Matador woodfired **pizza oven**, \$659, I/N: 0177380. ● **32** Ryobi 'ONE+' 18V **home essentials kit**, \$169, I/N: 0539754. ● **33** Marquee collapsible hanging **egg chair**, \$199, I/N: 0577555. ● **34** Char-Griller 'Akorn Junior Kamado' portable **grill and smoker**, \$249, I/N: 0037999. ● **35** Esky 'Advanced Series' 62L chest **cooler** in Grey, \$19999, I/N: 0653255. ● **36** Marquee 'Lamai' 3 piece wicker **corner sofa**, \$349, I/N: 0572402. ● **37** Mimosa 'Miami' wood look round market **umbrella** in Natural, \$159, I/N: 0444269. ● **38** Ryobi 'ONE+' 18V 4.0Ah **blower kit**, \$199, I/N: 0344159. ● **39** Northcote Pottery 'Panya' 91cm x 36cm x 33cm **fountain**, \$299, I/N: 2810331. ● **40** Gorilla Carts 115L steel mesh **cart**, \$179, I/N: 0129996. Some advertised services and products are not available at some Bunnings stores, but products may be ordered. ●

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Make shade
Zhooosh up
the garden.



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Photography Cath Muscat, styling Anna Musarra. Follow manufacturer's instructions for setting up and using a pizza oven or smoker, check local authority advice about using during restrictions such as fire bans and keep children and pets away from them.



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Take your next camping holiday up a notch with an off-grid adventure powered by Jackery.

A week under the stars in a remote location is a ritual for many people. If you love the idea of going off-grid, but still need to power the essentials of daily life (outback espresso, anyone?), **Jackery** has you covered.

Carry on for camping adventures

Getting back to basics in the bush doesn't need to be quite that basic. If you're the kind of camper who needs a good cup of coffee in the morning or likes to bring along a mini fridge to keep food fresh, a Jackery **Explorer 600 Plus Black Portable Power Station** could be a great fit. This lightweight, whisper-quiet solar generator can be charged by a Jackery **Saga 100 Black Solar Panel** or two in just a few hours for a sustainable power option. It can also be charged via a wall socket before setting off, or topped up as you drive

with the Jackery **Anderson to DC8020 cable**. It's easily portable at only 7.3kg and is durable enough to stand up to even the wildest adventure. Its 632Wh capacity can power your trip for up to two days, and 800W output will operate most appliances*.

Break (out) in case of emergency

When more power is required, the Jackery **Explorer 1000 Plus Black Portable Power Station** is up to the task. With a 1264Wh capacity and 2000W output, the 1000 Plus is handy to have at home in case of a power outage. Lights, heaters and other essentials can be kept running using a Jackery portable power station and solar panels, allowing you to live comfortably until power is reconnected.

Disconnect from the grid

Downsizing to a small home or tiny house makes more and more sense these days. The Jackery **Explorer 2000 Plus Black Portable Power Station**, combined with a Jackery **2000 Plus Battery Pack** for added oomph, offers a more permanent power solution to allow you to live more simply, sustainably and affordably off-grid. This expandable system provides from 2kWh up to 12kWh with added battery packs, and is able to run a small home for up to a week*. Like

other Jackery power stations, the 2000 Plus can be charged by Jackery solar panels and controlled via smartphone using the Jackery app. The app can be used to turn the generator on and off, monitor its power usage and customise settings. Jackery power stations are long lasting, too, thanks to the LiFePO4 battery, and maintain their capacity for up to 4000 charging cycles, or roughly 10 years of regular use*.

BROWSE THE RANGE IN STORE AND ONLINE

Jackery 'Explorer 600 Plus' 600W **portable power station** in Black, \$999, I/N: 0649097*. Jackery 'Explorer 1000 Plus' 2000W **portable power station** in Black, \$1,799, I/N: 0649095*. Jackery 'Explorer 2000 Plus' **portable power station** in Black, \$2,799, I/N: 0537656*. Jackery 'Saga 100' **solar panel** in Black, \$399, I/N: 0537657*. Jackery 'Explorer 2000 Plus' **portable power station battery pack** in Black, \$2,899, I/N: 0537652**. Jackery 2m Anderson adaptor **cable** in Orange, \$79, I/N: 0649096*.



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Jackery Solar Generator



ONE TOOL TO RULE!

Combine your creativity with a Dremel Rotary Tool Kit to make your home your own.

Meet your new DIY must-have! Whether you're an experienced DIYer or a weekend warrior looking for fun projects to do around your home, a homeowner or renter, the **Dremel 4250 Rotary Tool Kit** is the all-in-one solution you won't want to live without.

Multitool, multitask

The Dremel 4250 Rotary Tool is one of the most powerful and versatile corded multitools there is. It's ideal for use on intermediate to expert projects – tasks you really want to sink your teeth into, like trimming tricky bits of tile for your kitchen revamp and refinishing an old oak dining table to give it a fresh new look. So what's stopping you?

Thanks to its cooler operation and quieter performance, the Dremel 4250 Rotary Tool is also one of the most comfortable tools to work with. It can be used to sand, cut, polish, etch, engrave and even clean wood, metal, plastic and glass, as you create, repair, repurpose and DIY your way to your dream home.

Not just for homeowners

Renting your place? Create beautiful DIY projects that can move with you using the Dremel 4250 Rotary Tool Kit. Build your own removable storage solutions such as an over-door hanging coat rack, or decor items like custom picture frames. You can also use the Dremel 4250 Rotary Tool and its range of accessories to thoroughly clean grubby spots such as bathroom grout and inside cabinets, making a new place nicer when you move in or to help get your bond back when you move out.

For serious DIYers

Included with purchase of the Dremel 4250 Rotary Tool Kit is the 18-piece **EZ Lock Sanding and Grinding Accessory Set**, available exclusively at Bunnings. This set, an upgrade to the accessories that come with the 4250 Rotary Tool Kit, has a range of serious sanding and grinding attachments that are quick to swap out when you need to make the most of the 4250's power for your next project.

Whatever the job, the Dremel 4250 kit has you covered. And with bonus gift socks included, your feet are covered too!



Use the Dremel 4250 Rotary Tool Kit's grinding stone to sharpen secateurs in a flash.



Dremel 4250 rotary tool kit, \$179, I/N: 0851519.



Dremel 'EZ Lock' 18 piece sanding and grinding accessory kit.



EXCLUSIVE TO BUNNINGS, THE DREMEL 4250 ROTARY TOOL KIT INCLUDES 35 ACCESSORIES, AN 18-PIECE 'EZ LOCK' SANDING AND GRINDING ACCESSORY KIT AND BONUS GIFT SOCKS!



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Break out the tools or bring in the pros to turn this much-used space into a place where you'll love to linger.

Words Jane Parbury

When all you see each time you enter the bathroom is grubby grout, dripping taps or a tired toilet, it's time to freshen it up. A few changes may be all that's needed to make a big difference, says designer Annabelle McQuillan of Bespoke Belle

Building Design. "Typically, you can replace fixtures on a like-for-like basis without too much hassle with the help of a reliable builder or trade professional," she says. And there are a few minor fixes and cosmetic changes that can be done yourself. Here's what you need to know. ▶

ABOVE ● Cibo Bathroomware 'Mornington' 1200mm wall hung bathroom vanity in Oak with basin in Pink and handles in White, \$2,008, I/N: 0636881*. Some advertised services and products are not available at some Bunnings stores, but products can be ordered.

TIPTOP TOILET

Nothing spoils bathroom style quicker than a grotty toilet. A new seat is an easy way to refresh your bathroom, says industrial designer Luke Di Michiel of Caroma. "Plus, it improves comfort and hygiene," he says. However, constant blockages, leaks or cracks in the pan or cistern are common signs the toilet needs to be replaced, says Callum Matheson, Bunnings national bathroom buyer. Plus, if the glazing on older toilets has degraded, stains may be impossible to remove.

DIY A good scrub can get your toilet sparkling again and hard water stains can often be shifted with specialist products. If replacing the toilet seat (an update for renters too), check the seat measurements and the distance between the fittings to ensure you buy one with the correct dimensions.

GO PRO If you're replacing the toilet or dealing with an in-wall cistern, you'll need a licensed plumber. It's more straightforward if you have your plumber exchange your old model for one with the same configuration – S-trap for an S-trap, for example.

VANITY VA-VA-VOOM

The vanity is often the bathroom's focal point so when it's not in the best condition it really shows.

DIY Cleaning could be enough to buff up your basin and tapware, while cabinetry can be repainted. The Dulux Renovation range works on timber, laminate and melamine. Dripping tap? "The common cause of a leaky tap is a worn-out washer or O-ring, as well as loose internal parts or a deteriorated mixer cartridge," says Luke. Replacing the washer might just do the job.

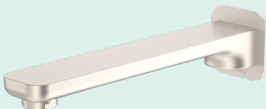
GO PRO Call in the experts when a new washer doesn't correct a dripping tap, plumbing has to be moved, or if you're installing a new vanity unit.

DITCHING THE DIRT

Painted walls can fade and degrade, tiling grout often discolours over time and silicone sealant can attract mouldy spots. "Regrouting and refreshing silicone is a great way to freshen up your bathroom," says Callum. Add newly painted walls to really make a difference to your space.

DIY There are several ways to tackle

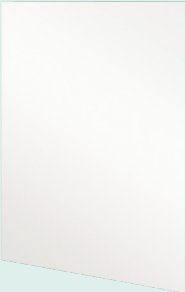
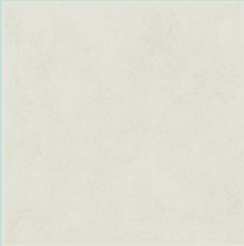
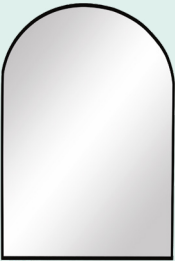
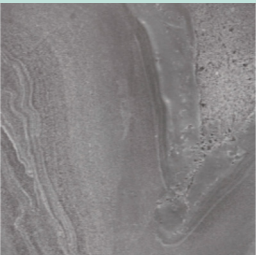
BUYER'S GUIDE

TAPS	TOILETS	SHOWERS
		
● Mondella 'Rococo' WELS 6-star 4.5L/min basin mixer in Matt Black, \$143, I/N: 0666500.	● Mondella 'Rococo' WELS 4-star 4.6L/full flush back-to-wall rimless toilet suite , \$249, I/N: 0126030.	● Mondella 'Resonance' WELS 3-star 9L/min pin lever shower set in Chrome, \$179, I/N: 0684063.
		
● Mondella 'Rococo' WELS 6-star 4.5L/min basin mixer in Chrome, \$143, I/N: 0666506.	● Mondella 'Concerto' WELS 4-star 4.5L/full flush back to wall rimless toilet suite , \$309, I/N: 0019819.	● Mondella 'Overture' WELS 3-star 8L/min twin shower in Matt Black, \$394, I/N: 0327088.
		
● Caroma 'Luna' WELS 6-star 4.5L/min lead free basin/bath wall outlet in Brushed Nickel, \$219, I/N: 0693460.	● Zumi 'Java' WELS 4-star 4.4L/full flush rimless floor pan toilet , \$454.74, I/N: 0298621*.	● HomeCare by Caroma WELS 3-star 9L/min 900mm rail shower in Stainless Steel, \$210, I/N: 0676560.

grubby grout: scrub with a specialist cleaning product; top up with a rejuvenation grout; use a grout pen; or – for tougher stains – carefully rake out old grout and refill with new. Old silicone sealant can be removed and reapplied, and walls and ceiling repainted. Ensure you use a specialist kitchen and bathroom paint suitable for damp or humid environments.

GO PRO If you're time poor or not confident in your DIY skills hire a plumber and, if you have underfloor heating, an electrician. Regrouting is a messy job and you need to be careful not to damage the waterproofing or heating element, if applicable. Painting needs a steady hand and when applying silicone it's important to get a perfect seal to prevent water damage.

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VANITIES	MIRRORS	TILES	GROUT
			
● Cibo 'Tonic' 900mm veneer wall-hung vanity in Coast, \$658, I/N: 0138260*.	● Estilo 600mm x 450mm polished edge mirror , \$20, I/N: 0607354.	● Duratile 30cm x 30cm ceramic floor and wall tile in Storm, \$16.95/sqm, \$16.78/pack of 11 (0.99sqm), I/N: 0333214.	● Dunlop flexible coloured grout in Alabaster, \$11.24/1.5kg, I/N: 6650193.
			
● Cibo 'Ripple' 900mm wall-hung bathroom vanity in White with countertop basin, \$1,075, I/N: 0673386*.	● Estilo 950mm x 600mm arch framed mirror in Black, \$44.97, I/N: 0531448.	● Duratile 60cm x 60cm porcelain floor and wall tile in Nero, \$18.50/sqm, \$19.98/pack of 3 (1.08sqm), I/N: 0087520.	● Dunlop 'Ready-To-Go' coloured grout in Ultra-White, \$16.33/800g, I/N: 6650425.
			
● Cibo 'Mornington' 900mm oak wall-hung vanity with basin in Black/White, \$1,742, I/N: 0636774*.	● Mondella 800mm round LED mirror , \$269, I/N: 0558075.	● Duratile 60cm x 60cm porcelain floor and wall tile in Travertine Ivory, \$25/sqm, \$27/pack of 3 (1.08sqm), I/N: 0409787.	● Dunlop 'Ready-To-Go' coloured grout in Slate Grey, \$16.33/800g, I/N: 6650124.

TILE TIME

As if grubby grout and silicone weren't enough of a wet-room letdown, what about stained, cracked or broken tiles?

DIY Scrub stained tiles to smarten them up, or give them a new look with special tile paint – it needs careful preparation and a specific primer to get a good, long-lasting result. Replacing cracked or broken tiles – single ones or more –

means removing the old tiles, glue and grout back to a smooth base before fixing new ones in place.

GO PRO Get help if the tiling over underfloor heating or the waterproof membrane needs attention. Anything but a perfect waterproof seal around wet areas can mean moisture getting where it shouldn't, causing mould issues and even structural damage. ▶

DO I CALL A PLUMBER?

Regulations for which bathroom updates can be done yourself vary per state. Check with your local building authority to find out what's permissible. If things go wrong after a DIY job, insurance could be affected and there may even be legal penalties. If in any doubt, call a licensed plumber.



Floor it
Add colour and warmth under foot with a rug.

PLANNING AHEAD

Updating bathroom fixtures is an ideal opportunity to anticipate future needs such as accessibility and comfort. The new HomeCare range from Caroma is a collection of products designed to make a bathroom safer and easier to use. These include showers with load-bearing rails, tapware with longer levers and larger hot/cold indicators plus grab rails, in four on-trend finishes.

SHOWER UP

"Swapping out an old showerhead for a new, luxurious water-saving model can instantly improve your shower experience and even reduce water usage," says Luke Di Michiel.

DIY Changing the showerhead usually involves unscrewing the old one and screwing on the new. As a bonus, it may also cure a leaky showerhead.

GO PRO If you want to replace the whole unit or need to fix a leak from the tapware, ask a plumber. Any work that means messing with the plumbing needs expert attention.

ACCESSORISE IT!

"Replacing the lighting, updating the mirror or adding a PVC plantation shutter can dramatically alter the mood of your bathroom," says Annabelle McQuillan. Small additions, such as a new bin, floor mat and even a toilet brush really make a difference on a small budget.

DIY If you're handy on the tools, replacing an old medicine cabinet with a decorative mirror is quite straightforward. Check for wiring before you drill into walls, use the right fixings and screw them into wall studs so they can hold the weight. The same goes for adding shelves or a hanging plant.

GO PRO If you want to do things like updating the lighting or adding a hardwired heated towel rail you'll need expert help. All fittings must be bathroom friendly. ●

EASY UPDATES



● Estilo 6 piece **bathroom accessory set** in Black and Bamboo, \$17, I/N: 0403505. ● Mondella 'Concerto' soft close **toilet seat**, \$79.97, I/N: 4870432. ● Barelli 6L round plastic bathroom **bin** in Matt Black, \$17.65, I/N: 0276662*. ● Wet by Home Design 'Desert' **toilet brush set** in Sand, \$25, I/N: 0494761*. ● **Alocasia** in 'Linear' 390mm x 250mm round ceramic **pot** with legs in White, \$37.48, I/N: 0375831 (plant sold separately). Some advertised services and products are not available at some Bunnings stores, but products can be ordered.



Keep in mind

- Any plumbing or electrical works must be carried out by a licensed tradie.
- If DIYing a repair, make sure your skills are up to the task. First turn off the water and power.
- When renovating wet areas, always check the works adhere to waterproofing requirements.
- When painting, always wear safety equipment (eye protection and mask) and ensure the room is well ventilated. Keep all paint and chemicals out of reach of children and pets.



Caroma 'Luna' WELS 4-star 7.5L/min multifunction rail shower with overhead in Brushed Nickel, \$599, I/N: 0327335*.

EVERYDAY LUXURY

Give your bathroom an affordable designer touch with the Luna range from Caroma.

With a few clever updates, your bathroom can become a relaxing sanctuary that reflects your personal style. A glow-up like this doesn't need to be expensive though. Senior industrial designer Luke Di Michiel at Caroma, an Australian bathroom brand known for quality, says it's all about choosing the right products. "Creating a space that lets you recharge can be as simple as incorporating coloured tapware, showers and accessories," he says.

Luxe for less

Luke, who helmed the Caroma design team that created the Luna collection, recommends using the range to elevate the look of any bathroom. "All of the products in the Luna collection have been thoughtfully designed, both from a style perspective and when it comes to quality," says Luke. "The team created Luna to respond to a need for affordable bathroom products that also have a high-end look and feel."

This means you can get a designer look for less. Whether you're updating a spacious family bathroom or a compact ensuite, the cohesive Luna collection makes it easy to create the sleek haven you've been dreaming of.



Caroma 'Luna' WELS 6-star, 4.5L/min tower basin mixer in Brushed Nickel, \$525.64, I/N: 0647647*, and above counter basin, \$321.18, I/N: 0129647 (pop-up waste in Brushed Nickel not included).



Caroma 'Luna' Cleanflush WELS 4-star 4.5L/full toilet suite, \$616.70, I/N: 0088812.

CHOOSE YOUR COLOURS



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BRUSHED NICKEL

BRUSHED BRASS

SATIN BLACK

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FOUR STEPS TO A DESIGNER LOOK

We asked Luke Di Michiel for his top tips on how you can achieve the look of luxury in your bathroom.

1

"Use hero products that grab attention, such as a luxe freestanding bath or a striking shower configuration like the Caroma Luna rail shower with overhead fitting."

2

"Consider consistency in the details. Create a cohesive design with thoughtful use of colour and shape. Choosing products from a collection helps create visual harmony."

3

"Streamline the look of the space by selecting mixer tapware. A product such as the Luna basin mixer creates a clean, contemporary aesthetic that can aid relaxation."

4

"Update your toilet with a modern suite. The Caroma Luna Cleanflush toilet suite suits any number of bathroom designs. Plus it's more hygienic and easy to clean, thanks to the GermGard and Cleanflush technology."



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COOK'S COMPANIONS

Check out the smart new small appliances to streamline kitchen life.

Words *Georgia Madden*

From basic to bench-worthy, essential appliances like kettles, toasters and microwaves have had a serious glow-up. With sleek lines, eye-catching finishes and on-trend colourways, they are now made to be seen. Add in clever features to save time and simplify meal prep, and they're perfect for family life, event hosting or as a thoughtful present that looks good and works hard, without blowing the budget.

Homeowners are more design-savvy these days and want appliances that complement their space – especially if they're going to be on display every day, says interior designer Monique Sartor of Sartorial Interiors. And on show they are. With open-plan kitchens now the norm and appliances spending more time on the bench than in the cupboard, looks matter more than ever.

These days, expect soft curves, matt finishes and touch-me exteriors. "There's been a real move toward textured finishes," says Monique. "Ribbed surfaces on appliances tie beautifully into the broader design trends we're seeing in kitchens and joinery." Colour-wise, earthy and natural tones are coming through strong. "Hues such as sage, peach, warm cream and deep teal pair beautifully with today's popular dark-timber cabinetry and copper and bronze tapware," she says.

Functionality has stepped up, too. Today's appliances are compact but powerful, and often multitask. Liam Gregory, kitchen and appliances buyer at Bunnings, says microwaves with grill and bake settings are ideal

for small kitchens, while kettles now come with rapid boil, temperature control and even keep-warm modes. "A microwave with quick-reheat presets helps manage timing when guests arrive at different intervals," Liam says – handy when catering for a crowd. As more Australian homeowners shift from gas to electric, the range of induction-compatible kettles is increasing, offering a more energy-efficient way to heat water for your morning cuppa.

Looking to give a benchtop appliance as a gift? Keep it personal, advises Liam. "Consider the recipient's kitchen style and size, as well as their cooking habits," he says. "Match the appliance to the recipient's kitchen decor – a thoughtful detail that won't go unnoticed."

SPACE SAVERS

Short on room? Opt for appliances that punch above their weight. "Multi-function models – like a microwave that also grills or an all-in-one machine that can slow-cook, steam and air fry – reduce the need for multiple machines," says Monique. "Cordless appliances are handy too, as long as you've got charging points inside cupboards." Choose compact designs with simple controls, a small footprint and finishes that visually blend with your kitchen. Stackable options and appliances with built-in cord storage are also smart picks. "Clever choices can free up room and make your kitchen feel bigger, not busier," she says.

NEW MODELS

KETTLES

Time for tea? These benchtop beauties will have you whistling while they work.



Back to black
Add a touch of monochrome magic.

- Russell Hobbs 1.7L stainless steel **kettle** in Black, \$49, I/N: 0603117.



Textured elegance
Feel the difference with this glossy, ribbed design.

- Sunbeam 'Brightside' 1.7L **kettle** in White, \$49, I/N: 0593777.



Bubbling hot
Get a clear view of the water as it starts to boil.

- Sunbeam 'Capri' 1.7L **glass kettle**, \$69, I/N: 0593778.



Retro chic
Make your cuppa in Italian vintage style.

- De'Longhi 'Icona Vintage' 1.7L **kettle** in Beige, \$99.75, I/N: 0591774.

TOASTERS

These options aren't just for breakfast – they're a style statement, adding welcome flair to any kitchen.



Modern essential
Self-centring bread slots ensure even toasting.

- Mistral 2 slice stainless steel **toaster**, \$23.98, I/N: 0592139.



Bright idea
Pair it with the matching kettle, above.

- Sunbeam 'Brightside' 2 slice **toaster** in White, \$49, I/N: 0593776.



Crowd pleaser
A great option for larger households.

- Russell Hobbs 'Colours Plus' 4 slice **toaster** in Black, \$68, I/N: 0603121.



Italian craftsmanship
Raise a toast to Rome with this old-style pleaser.

- De'Longhi 'Icona Vintage' 4 slice **toaster** in Beige, \$134, I/N: 0591775.

MICROWAVES

The latest models save on space while deftly handling everything from reheating to full-on cooking.



Simple solution
A variety of cooking options in one neat unit.

- Mistral 25L digital **microwave** in White, \$79, I/N: 0592144.



Flatbed technology
Ensures even cooking without a turntable.

- Akai 20L flatbed **microwave**, \$159, I/N: 0605387.



Go for bold
Compact design with funky retro appeal.

- ▲ Total Chef 'Retro' 700W 20L **microwave** oven in Red, I/N: 0822369*.



Quick and easy
Ten power levels and eight auto-cook menus.

- Russell Hobbs 900W 25L family size solo digital **microwave**, \$199, I/N: 0603118. ●

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Jackery '2000 Plus Explorer' portable power station in Black, \$2,799, I/N: 0537656* (battery pack on top sold separately).



SUN LOVERS

Embrace the power of solar in your everyday adventures with a Jackery generator.

Jackery solar generators are the sustainable, reliable power stations you need to get you off the grid and living life to the fullest, keeping the essentials running in an emergency, powering your DIY dreams and energising your outdoor escapades.

Back it up

Rather than lighting candles during a blackout and hoping for mains electricity to get back up and running, put the power back into your own hands. The Jackery **2000 Plus Explorer**

Portable Power Station is the home backup system you can count on. It's the smarter, more sustainable way to maintain energy independence in case of an emergency.

Power your DIY

Do you love to DIY but don't have a powered workshop? Or maybe you like to stay mobile as you work, and need a power source that moves with you. A Jackery **1000 Plus 2000W Portable Power Station** is the safe, reliable power source you've been searching for. Pair it with a Jackery **Saga 100 Solar Panel** to stay off-grid and flexible, or plug it into your work ute as a backup to keep the DIY projects rolling.



Jackery 'Explorer 1000 Plus' 2000W portable power station in Black, \$1,799, I/N: 0649095*.



Jackery 'Saga 100' solar panel in Black, \$399, I/N: 0537657*.



Jackery 'Explorer 600 Plus' 600W portable power station in Black, \$999, I/N: 0649097*.

Get outdoors

Stay connected while camping or four-wheel driving with a Jackery **600 Plus 600W Portable Power Station**. This portable generator is ideal for small tasks such as charging phones, laptops and cameras on the go, as well as more energy-intensive jobs like running a mini fridge or compact kitchen appliances.



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GARAGE HACKS

Check out two easy projects for your workshop or home gym that use specialty tape. ▶

Make it!
DIY a magnetic
brush rack
in a jiffy!



See from page 14
for product details.

MAGNETIC RACK

Give your tool storage a bespoke touch with a DIY hanging rack for lightweight items. To make this project even more budget-friendly, use leftover timber and paint, then add the magnetic tape strips. Too easy!

Tools & materials

- Safety equipment (mask, gloves, and eye and ear protection)
- Tape measure and pencil
- Try square
- Quick-grip clamps
- Circular saw
- 180-grit sandpaper
- Lint-free cloths
- Drop sheet
- Mini rollers and trays
- Scissors
- Drill with 5mm and driver bits
- 65mm x 12mm DAR pine*
- Primer
- Acrylic paint in chosen colour (we used Dulux Pastel Mint)
- 13mm self-adhesive magnetic tape
- M5 x 35mm black bolts

HANG IT!

This rack is designed to hold lightweight DIY accessories that contain ferromagnetic metals and is not suitable for heavy tools or fragile items. Check the strength rating of the magnetic tape strip before using. To hang on a pegboard, drill through the rack about 20mm from the ends with a 5mm bit, spaced to match the pegboard holes. Place rack in position, then thread black M5 x 35mm bolts through the holes and the pegboard.

ABOVE ● **DIY magnetic rack** made using: Claymark 42mm x 19mm standard **DAR pine**, \$5.02/1.2m, I/N: 8401487*; and Everhang 13mm self-adhesive **magnetic strip**, \$7.30/3m, I/N: 3690093.

RIGHT ● **Basketball court** made using: Prempanel 2700mm x 600mm x 21mm timber **acoustic panels** in Black Oak, \$99 each, I/N: 0455961; Ultimate Flooring 600cm x 120cm multi-purpose rubber **mats**, \$152 each, I/N: 4490365; Croc Grip 50mm **anti-slip tape** in Yellow, \$14.16/5m, I/N: 3962234; and ▲ Everfit 45" (114cm) wall mounted kids **basketball hoop** with backboard, I/N: 0737743*. All other products, stylist's own. Some advertised services and products are not available at some Bunnings stores, but products can be ordered. ▲ This product is available to buy online only and is sold and delivered by a Bunnings Marketplace Trusted Seller. Not all items are available in all states and territories. *Delivery charges may apply.



STEP 1: CUT TIMBER

1 Measure and mark timber at 600mm, draw a straight line across it using a try square, then clamp to workbench and cut the rail to length using a circular saw. Sand cut edge and wipe away dust.



STEP 2: PAINT RAIL

2 Working on a drop sheet, apply primer and two coats of paint to the rail front and edges using mini rollers, leaving to dry after each coat.



STEP 3: ADD TAPE

3 Cut two strips of magnetic tape to 600mm using scissors. Mark two evenly spaced lines on the rail, remove tape backing and attach. Mount tool holder on pegboard (see 'Hang it!', left).

BASKETBALL MINI COURT

Create a custom hoop-shooting zone in your garage. Standard hoop height is 3.05m from the ground to the top of the rim, but for kids the range is from 2.3-2.6m – adjust to suit your ceiling. Tape off court lines on rubber flooring and let the family loose on lay-ups!

Tools & materials

- Tape measure and chalk
- Try square
- Straightedge
- Pin and string
- Saucer
- Scissors
- Rubber floor matting
- Acoustic wall panels
- Basketball hoop
- Yellow anti-slip tape and application roller



Pick it up!
Smooth the tape
for refined lines

● Croc Grip anti-slip
application roller,
\$10.27, I/N: 3961818.

1 Follow the manufacturers' instructions to lay rolls of rubber matting to fit your floor space, and install acoustic wall panels and the basketball hoop centred on the panels. **Tip:** Ensure the hoop fixings penetrate the wall, not just the panels.

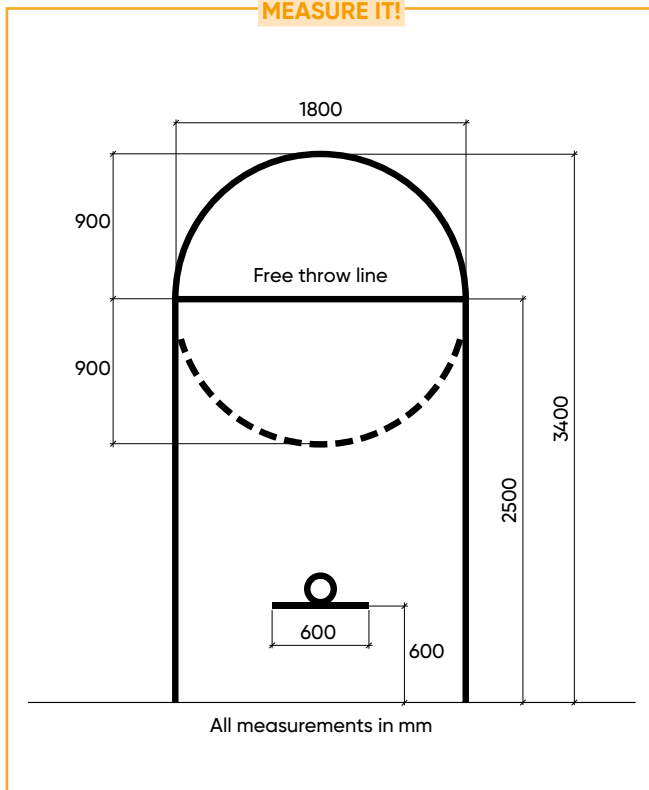
2 Refer to the diagram (see right) to measure the straight court lines and mark on the floor using chalk. **Tip:** Use a square and straightedge to help ensure the lines and angles are true.

3 In the centre of the free throw line mark, press in a pin and attach string and a stick of chalk to reach one end, then use as a compass to draw a circle. Use a saucer to mark the basket circle.

4 Apply yellow anti-slip tape to the chalk line marks, applying pressure with an application roller. **Tip:** Crimp the inside edge of the yellow tape to help form curves, smoothing flat with the roller. ●



MEASURE IT!



Keep in mind

- When painting and using power tools, always wear safety equipment (such as gloves, mask, and eye and ear protection) and ensure the work area is well ventilated. Keep all paint and chemicals out of reach of children and pets.
- When wall mounting panels and a basketball hoop, follow the manufacturer's instructions and use fixings suitable for your wall type and the weight of the load.



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Make your move

Packing up and turning a new home into your own is easy with Scotch and Command.

Whether you're renting or buying your latest place, **Command** adhesive strips and hooks offer damage-free decorating and easy storage, to make the process of settling into your new home smoother, more organised – and much more fun.

NEW!



Command narrow picture hanging strips in Black, \$15.71/pack of 8, I/N: 0909529.

A renter's delight

The new Command **Narrow Picture Hanging Strips** in black help you hang everything from photos and posters to framed artworks in your space. With no tools required, the process is easier than ever and, if you're renting or just love to change up your home's look, removal of the strips is easy and leaves no holes or mess behind.



Command mixed adhesive hooks value pack in White, \$16.20/pack of 10, I/N: 3950336.

Mix and match

Create a full storage wall or a gallery-style display with the Command **Adhesive Mixed Hooks Value Pack**, in different sizes to suit a variety of uses.



NEW!

Command folding clothes hanger, \$17.96, I/N: 0909544.

Storage for small spaces

The Command adhesive **Folding Clothes Hanger** extends to provide extra hanging space for wardrobes, laundries and other confined areas, and folds back up when not in use. Each hanger can hold five garments up to 3.4kg.

TOUGH TAPE

Use **Scotch Shipping 48mm Heavy Duty Packaging Tape** with a dispenser to put together your boxes when you're packing up, and you can be sure everything will stay put on moving day. The high-strength tape resists splitting and tearing, and creates a strong seal on all box types with just a single strip. A handy dispenser makes applying the tape so much easier, too – no scissors necessary. For those with ongoing packing to do, a six-pack of **Scotch Shipping 48mm Heavy Duty Packaging Tape** is also available.



1 Scotch 'Shipping' 48mm heavy duty packaging tape with dispenser, \$16.57/pack of 2 x 50m rolls, I/N: 0361229. **2** Scotch 'Shipping' 48mm heavy duty packaging tape, \$31.45/pack of 6 x 50m rolls, I/N: 0361228.

Command curtain rod hooks in White, \$12.96/pack of 2, I/N: 0909524.



NEW!

Curtain call

For renters especially, personalising a new home can be tricky. The recently released Command **Curtain Rod Hooks** – designed to suit rods up to 19mm in diameter and to hold up to 4.5kg – provide a secure way to hang curtains for privacy and style, without causing any damage to walls or window trims.



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SPRING INTO GEAR

Check out the tools you need to be a one-person cleaning crew.

Words *Mitchell Mclean*

Photography: Jenny Valiant. Some photographs feature products from suppliers other than Bunnings.

There are times when your everyday cleaning kit doesn't cut it – and this is one of them. Whether it's extendable handles or some extra grunt, the right tools can make your seasonal deep clean faster, easier and much more satisfying. From carpet washers to garden trimmers, this guide will help you choose the gear that gets the job done, so you can spend more time enjoying your home and less time cleaning it. ▶



VACUUM CLEANERS

Spring-cleaning needs tools that go further than a regular vacuum. To give floors a deep refresh, consider a vac with a HEPA filter to help remove allergens, pet hair and dust. For glass surfaces, such as windows, mirrors and shower screens, a window vac makes light work of getting them sparkling clean. Pair with an extension set for safe cleaning of high windows.

Window vacs are also handy for cleaning spills on benchtops or tiles.

- Kärcher 'WV2 Black Edition' **window vacuum**, \$99, I/N: 0576681.



POWER SCRUBBERS

Soap scum, greasy tiles and dirty outdoor furniture don't stand a chance with a power scrubber. A rotating head does the hard work for you, helping you clean quickly and thoroughly. And different brush heads let you tailor the tool to the task – use soft bristles for delicate indoor surfaces like shower screens, and firmer ones for tougher outdoor jobs. For tight corners, tiles and grout lines, a narrow brush gives you more control.

- Ryobi 'ONE+' 18V compact **power scrubber**, \$139/tool only (battery, charger and other heads sold separately), I/N: 0206633.



PRESSURE WASHERS

Winter gunk on paths, driveways, fences, patios and outdoor settings is no match for a pressure washer, which can remove mould, mildew and dirt with ease. Adjustable pressure settings allow you to customise the clean – use lower pressure for timber decking or outdoor cushions, and crank it up for concrete, brick or stubborn stains. For extra efficiency, many models come with detergent tanks, surface cleaners or turbo nozzles.

- Kärcher 'K4' premium power control **high pressure washer**, \$589, I/N: 0362056.



GARDEN POWER TOOLS

Spring calls for a garden tidy-up. A cordless line trimmer and blower kit is the go-to for neatening edges and clearing leaves, while a hedge shear kit takes the sweat out of shaping shrubs and tackling overgrowth. For a real spring makeover, consider a multi-tool system that allows you to swap between pruner, trimmer and edger heads. A wet and dry vac is a handy tool, too, for cleaning the shed, garage and outdoor areas as well as gutters, car boots and pet bedding.

- Ryobi 'ONE+' 18V **line trimmer and blower kit**, \$185, I/N: 0637298.



CARPET CLEANERS

Carpets take a hit over winter, especially in homes with kids and pets. A carpet washer helps lift deep dirt and revive fibres, while attachments can clean upholstery, stairs and even car seats. These machines inject cleaning solution into the fibres, agitate the carpet, then extract the dirty water. For best results, vacuum first and work in overlapping lines to avoid streaks. Let cleaned areas dry fully before walking on them to prevent re-soiling or damp smells.

- Ryobi 'ONE+ SWIFTClean' 18V HP brushless **spot cleaner**, \$299/tool only (battery and charger sold separately), I/N: 0650686.



STEAM CLEANERS

These power cleaners cut through grease and bacteria without the need for harsh chemicals. Use them on sealed floors, tiles, ovens and even upholstery – just check that surfaces are steam-safe first. The high heat helps lift stains and kill germs on contact, making them a hygienic choice for homes with kids or pets. They're especially good for dealing with grime in kitchens and bathrooms, including sinks, taps and rangehoods. ●

- Kärcher 'SC1' handheld **steam cleaner** in White, \$163.79, I/N: 0576686.

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GOOD SAVE!

- Plan your clean from top to bottom – start with ceilings, walls and windows before floors and outdoor areas to stay on track.
- Use one tool for many jobs – look for scrubbers or steam cleaners with interchangeable heads to clean everything from grout to glass without buying separate gear.
- Hire before you buy! For big-ticket items like carpet cleaners, hire from Bunnings (bunnings.com.au/hire-shop) to tackle one-off jobs without the full investment*.

Keep in mind

- When using power tools, always wear the recommended safety gear (such as gloves, mask, and eye and ear protection), follow the manufacturer's instructions and work in a well-ventilated area.
- When pruning, always wear protective gear such as gloves and long sleeves, as the leaves and sap of some plants can be a skin irritant and/or cause allergic reactions.
- When using a hedge trimmer, wear gloves and eye protection and always stand on a steady, level surface.

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Tools & materials

- Safety equipment (eye protection and cut-resistant gloves)
- Tape measure and pen
- White liquid paint marker
- 90mm PVC pipe offcut
- Utility knife
- Scissors
- Ruler
- 3m x 1m x 12mm-pile synthetic turf
- 1800mm x 750mm x 10mm self-adhesive foam roll
- Pool noodle
- 15m x 30mm double-sided synthetic turf tape
- Yellow microfibre cloth
- 3m x 900mm non-slip shelf mat



Pick it up!

Designed for turf, this tape is great for your golf mat

- Tuff Turf 30mm double-sided synthetic turf tape, \$24/15m, I/N: 0096470.

STEP 1: MARK HOLES



1 On the back of the turf, use a white marker and follow the diagram to mark the hole centres. Centre 90mm pipe over the marks to transfer circles. Use a utility knife to make starter holes; finish cutting with scissors. **Tip:** First, unroll turf and foam and place paint tins as weights. Leave a few hours to flatten.

STEP 2: CUT FOAM



2 To make a stopper, cut a pool noodle to 1m long, mark across the end with pen as a guide then cut in half lengthwise. Next, cut foam roll into two 900mm lengths with scissors. Cut one piece to 600mm wide (Layer 2). The other is Layer 1. **Tip:** Check mat width fits your space; trim as needed.

STEP 3: ADD STOPPER



3 On one end of Layer 1, peel back enough paper to centre the stopper flat against the edge and press into the adhesive. Turn over to apply double-sided turf tape along the other side. Position turf beside foam so short edges meet. Remove the double-sided tape liner and press turf edge onto tape.

STEP 4: MAKE MOUND



4 Remove the paper from Layer 2 and press, adhesive side down, over Layer 1 and the turf edge. Turn over to remove Layer 1 paper. Fold the turf back over the stopper, pressing into the join and over Layer 1.

STEP 5: COVER CUPS



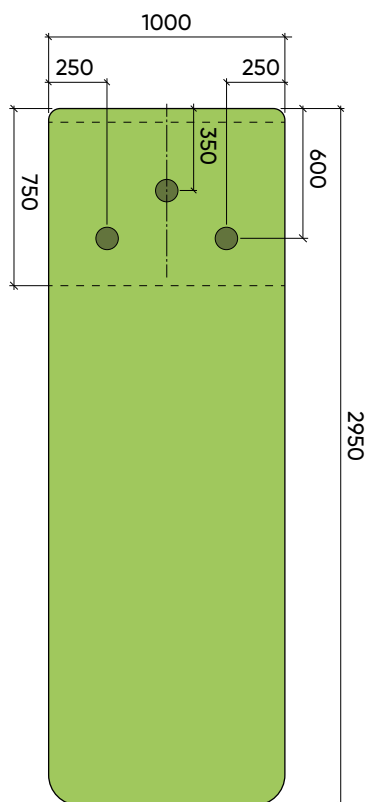
5 Cut out foam holes from the front. On the back, cut a microfibre cloth into quarters, centre over holes and adhere with turf tape. Position tape on the turf, against all edges of the foam, including under the stopper.

STEP 6: ATTACH MAT



6 Cut 1010mm length of shelf mat. Remove tape liner, centre the mat over the foam and press to adhere. Tuck ends under the stopper, adhere with tape and trim mat. Adhere the remaining mat along the turf. Mark rounded corners at the base and cut. ▶

MEASURE UP



All measurements in mm

● **Golf mat** made using: DIY Turf 3m x1m 12mm pile synthetic total **turf mat**, \$82.40, I/N: 0077701; Moroday 750mm x 10mm adhesive **foam roll**, \$21.45/1.8m, I/N: 4000005; NuPlastex 'Magic Stop' 90cm nonslip **shelf liner** in Black, \$28.38/3m, I/N: 0495784; and Empire liquid **paint marker** in White, \$4.98, I/N: 0646559. All other products, stylist's own. Some advertised services and products are not available at some Bunnings stores, but products can be ordered.

The project

It's always tee time when you have a putting green!

Project, photography and styling *Natasha Dickins*

Project cost
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\$165***

GOLF MAT

Why you need it

Practise your putting at home at any time and in any weather with this foldaway golf mat. It's made from a 3m length of short-pile synthetic turf and layers of self-adhesive foam for the mound under the cups. And it has a stopper at the end of the run to keep your balls on the green and save work for the caddy! ●

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*Project cost is based on the prices of materials purchased at Alexandria, NSW, store and is correct at time of printing (tools not included).

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